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THIRTY-SECOND REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF PRISONS.

I.—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

To the Right Honourable Gathorne Hardy,
&c. &c. &c.,
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

12, Westbourne Street, Hyde Park Gardens,
25th May 1868.

Sir,

I beg leave to submit to you my Annual Report on the Prisons of the Southern District, being a part of the Thirty-second Report of the Inspectors of Prisons.

Since the presentation of the last Report alterations, in structure as well as in discipline, have taken place in many of the prisons of the district, with the object of rendering those establishments conformable to the requirements of the Prison Act, 1865. As, however, some of these improvements date subsequently to the period referred to in the Report, and others are in progress or scarcely commenced, the description of them in detail will be deferred until the next report.

The appendix to this letter contains a carefully digested table of the persons who have undergone imprisonment after conviction in each prison in the year, with the duration of their respective sentences, which seems likely to be of interest as an addition to the statistics of crime. A similar table relating to the previous year will be found at the end of the 31st Report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

JOHN G. PERRY.

TABLE showing the Number of Persons Sentenced to Imprisonment in each Prison in the Year, with the Duration of their respective Sentences.

LENGTH OF SENTENCES.	Beaumaris (County).	Bedford (County).	Reading (County).	Abingdon (County).	Brecon (County).	Aylesbury (County).	Buckingham (Borough).	Cambridge (County).	Cambridge (Borough).	Ely (Isle of Ely).	Wisbeach (Isle of Ely).	Cardigan (County).	Carmarthen (County).	Carnarvon (County).	Bodmin (County).	Ruthin (County).
Not exceeding 7 days	7	65	56	27	21	140	2	33	48	27	20	6	29	153	109	57
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	24	82	168	29	32	113	4	15	60	20	6	21	28	53	129	46
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	31	159	243	33	56	183	3	57	64	37	41	37	56	78	219	63
„ 1, and not exceeding 2 months	13	89	154	42	44	123	—	32	31	10	44	13	22	27	132	23
„ 2, and not exceeding 3 months	7	36	68	14	25	31	—	16	9	8	12	6	18	12	51	33
„ 3, and not exceeding 6 months	9	27	103	7	10	35	—	14	13	7	14	5	9	3	42	19
„ 6 months, and not exceeding 1 year	3	21	40	—	10	25	—	3	8	8	9	4	5	4	21	10
„ 1, and not exceeding 2 years	1	8	12	—	1	3	—	2	2	2	5	—	3	3	3	1
„ 2 years	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Penal Servitude for any term	1	7	5	—	—	5	—	1	1	2	7	3	2	3	6	7
Total	96	494	849	152	200	658	9	173	236	121	158	95	173	336	712	259

(*continued.*)

LENGTH OF SENTENCES.	Exeter (County).	Plymouth (Borough).	Devonport (Borough).	Tiverton (Borough).	Barnstaple (Borough).	Dorchester (County).	Poole (Town).	Chelmsford (County).	Ilford (County).	Colchester (Borough).	Flint (County).	Cardiff (County).	Swansea (County).	Gloucester (County).	Bristol Common Gaol.	Bristol Bridewell.
Not exceeding 7 days	249	39	26	9	17	116	28	116	222	6	55	378	169	219	12	347
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	214	51	34	8	13	129	4	129	173	4	34	193	149	305	32	211
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	243	66	46	15	15	214	6	443	123	5	29	256	171	280	129	215
„ 1, and not exceeding 2 months	169	66	20	5	15	99	3	266	8	1	18	116	75	151	126	67
„ 2, and not exceeding 3 months	74	23	14	3	11	64	2	108	3	—	8	111	137	83	90	24
„ 3, and not exceeding 6 months	62	25	20	3	5	43	1	107	1	—	9	46	72	74	36	4
„ 6 months, and not exceeding 1 year	33	7	5	—	2	19	—	60	—	6	8	35	22	48	31	—
„ 1, and not exceeding 2 years	5	3	1	—	1	4	1	12	—	—	3	3	25	23	3	—
„ 2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Penal Servitude for any term	21	1	2	1	—	6	—	16	—	—	3	22	13	20	25	—
Total	1,070	281	168	44	79	694	46	1,257	530	22	167	1,163	833	1,203	484	868

TABLE showing the Number of Persons Sentenced to Imprisonment in each Prison in the Year, with the Duration of their respective Sentences—*cont.*

LENGTH OF SENTENCES.	Hereford (County).	Hereford (City).	Hertford (County).	St. Albans (Liberty).	Huntingdon (County).	Maidstone (County).	Canterbury (County).	Canterbury (City).	Dover (Town).	Sandwich (Town).	Dolgelley (County).	Cold Bath Fields (County Prison for Males).	Westminster (County Prison for Females).	Clerkenwell (County House of Detention).	Newgate.	Holloway (City House of Correction).
Not exceeding 7 days	84	91	72	3	31	376	46	15	108	25	25	2,054	2,156	12	—	516
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	103	34	16	57	47	524	84	11	72	36	15	286	964	8	—	250
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	63	28	214	56	19	728	168	22	72	62	28	1,916	730	9	—	494
„ 1, and not exceeding 2 months	43	19	133	102	39	379	105	8	34	31	17	2,013	473	42	—	263
„ 2, and not exceeding 3 months	10	12	83	33	12	169	33	7	19	29	13	834	303	118	—	193
„ 3, and not exceeding 6 months	10	12	48	32	15	199	31	5	15	11	11	1,269	472	101	—	63
„ 6 months, and not exceeding 1 year	14	5	22	17	13	126	15	2	8	—	3	625	141	5	—	82
„ 1, and not exceeding 2 years	7	—	5	4	10	38	6	—	—	—	3	656	70	—	—	42
„ 2 years	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Penal Servitude for any term	3	2	14	1	1	34	5	3	—	—	—	189	72	—	280	—
Total	342	203	608	355	187	2,573	493	73	328	194	115	9,842	5,380	355	280	1,914

(*continued.*)

LENGTH OF SENTENCES.	Monmouth (County).	Usk (County).	Montgomery (County).	Norwich (County).	Norwich (City).	Swaffham (County).	Wymondham (County Prison for Females).	Yarmouth (Borough).	Oxford (County).	Oxford (City).	Haverfordwest (County).	Presteign (County).	Shrewsbury (County).	Taunton (County).	Shepton Mallet (County).
Not exceeding 7 days	20	210	50	96	49	33	21	22	101	25	44	17	416	91	126
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	9	195	35	130	62	52	9	13	115	36	42	9	136	84	115
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	17	224	7	183	82	48	47	97	147	76	85	19	146	122	224
„ 1, and not exceeding 2 months	3	112	49	72	49	35	29	88	91	30	36	4	144	74	96
„ 2, and not exceeding 3 months	1	114	14	56	40	25	8	46	22	15	33	6	64	35	56
„ 3, and not exceeding 6 months	13	50	18	25	16	32	13	21	34	19	18	8	63	12	50
„ 6 months, and not exceeding 1 year	7	13	7	4	16	12	3	9	27	4	26	2	51	35	29
„ 1, and not exceeding 2 years	—	2	3	2	6	3	2	8	7	2	3	1	12	13	5
„ 2 years	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	4	—
Penal Servitude for any term	6	15	7	7	5	2	—	2	13	4	3	1	24	5	15
Total	76	937	194	575	325	242	132	307	557	211	291	67	1,056	475	716

TABLE showing the Number of Persons Sentenced to Imprisonment in each Prison in the Year, with the Duration of their respective Sentences—*cont.*

LENGTH OF SENTENCES.	Bath (City).	Winchester (County).	Portsmouth (Borough).	Southampton (Town).	Bury St. Edmunds (City).	Ipswich (County).	Ipswich (Borough).	Horsemonger Lane (County Gaol of Surrey).	Wandsworth (County House of Correction).	Lewes (County).	Petworth (County).	Warwick (County).	Birmingham (Borough).	Salisbury (County).	Dorizes (County).
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	120	171	310	151	87	82	35	274	874	273	58	135	762	37	52
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	75	199	165	55	90	65	10	152	1,002	215	77	171	445	53	91
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	62	364	150	114	94	101	44	189	944	302	161	279	363	91	148
„ 1, and not exceeding 2 months -	48	210	34	46	56	52	21	47	462	115	60	105	240	35	73
„ 2, and not exceeding 3 months -	24	103	25	30	41	47	9	33	538	99	34	96	148	35	45
„ 3, and not exceeding 6 months -	30	97	30	40	22	22	11	19	337	104	26	72	139	27	36
„ 6 months, and not exceeding 1 year	10	60	14	6	8	11	9	8	350	43	18	38	104	10	11
„ 1, and not exceeding 2 years -	5	34	2	2	1	4	6	—	146	11	2	24	24	—	2
„ 2 years - - - -	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Penal Servitude for any term - -	5	20	4	—	5	4	1	126	—	7	2	27	42	14	11
Total - - -	379	1,259	734	444	405	389	146	843	4,763	1,169	438	947	2,267	302	469

(*continued.*)

LENGTH OF SENTENCES.	Worcester (County).	Worcester (City).	TOTAL.
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	191	64	13,419
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	208	4	9,139
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	269	61	13,490
„ 1, and not exceeding 2 months -	111	40	8,372
„ 2, and not exceeding 3 months -	67	26	4,953
„ 3, and not exceeding 6 months -	54	20	4,707
„ 6 months, and not exceeding 1 year	50	19	2,534
„ 1, and not exceeding 2 years -	17	13	1,333
„ 2 years - - - -	—	1	34
Penal Servitude for any term - -	36	4	1,201
Total - - -	1,003	252	59,182

REPORTS ON PRISONS

IN THE

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

ANGLESEY.

ANGLESEY COUNTY PRISON, BEAUMARIS.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.
Prisoners committed in the year -	81	12	93	4
Average daily number in custody -	10½	2	12½	—
Re-committals - - -	17	6	23	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 17
" " female " " " - 5
" " debtors at any one time - 2

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - £672 12*s*. 4*d*.
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £53 11*s*. 0*d*.

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	7	—	—	—	7
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	20	—	4	—	24
" 14 days " " 1 month -	26	—	5	—	31
" 1 month " " 2 months -	11	—	2	—	13
" 2 months " " 3 " -	7	—	—	—	7
" 3 " " " 6 " -	5	1	3	—	9
" 6 " " " 1 year - -	3	—	—	—	3
" 1 year " " 2 years -	1	—	—	—	1
Penal Servitude of every duration -	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
MALES.						
Picking oakum, mat and brush making	7	—	7	23 5 11	22 12 2	45 18 1
FEMALES.						
Sewing, knitting, washing and cleaning	—	1	1	—	11 1 1	11 1 1
Total number employed at profitable labour	7	1	8	23 5 11	33 13 3	56 19 2

This prison contains only 12 cells for males and four for females, none of which can be certified as they are neither warmed, ventilated, nor lighted, nor supplied with the means of enabling a prisoner confined in them to communicate with an officer of the prison; but even if these conditions were fulfilled, the cells would not be sufficient in number to comply with the requirements of the Prison Act, 1865.

The prisoners sleep partly in beds and partly in hammocks. They rise at 6 in summer, and at 7.30 in winter, and retire to rest at 8 all the year round. As they have no light in their cells, it follows that they must pass several hours in winter in association, in the day-rooms; or in darkness in their cells. The former alternative is adopted, and as there is only one turnkey employed, it is impossible that the prisoners can be under proper supervision.

There are no appliances for enforcing hard labour of the 1st Class. The male prisoners are employed in making mats and brushes of cocoa-nut fibre, and in their several trades, when they have any. The females knit, wash, and do needlework for the use of the prison. The prisoners are kept to labour 10 hours in summer and 8½ hours in winter.

Prisoners present on the last day of inspection, 18th Oct. 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	1	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	7	1
Convicted summarily	1	—
Debtors from superior courts	1	—
	10	1
Total	11	
Total on the same day last year	14	4
Total	18	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Mat making and brush making - 7
Picking oakum - 1
Female.—Washing.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.	oz.	oz.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	1½	1½
3rd -	10 8	7 14	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2	1½	1½
4th -	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3	1½	1½
5th -	7 14	7 14	16	12	11	11	7 0	3 8	3	3	1½	1½

Bread and meat are supplied by contract, other necessaries at the market prices. The weekly cost of food per head is 3*s.* 6*d.* Seventeen prisoners have received extra diet by order of the surgeon for 1,824 days in the aggregate.

The chaplain was absent on leave for the benefit of his health, but a substitute was appointed who performed the same duties as have been described in former reports. Neither schoolmaster nor schoolmistress has ever been attached to the prison, but the turnkey and the matron act in those capacities occasionally.

The surgeon continues to perform the duties described in the last report.

Seven male and one female prisoners have been punished for disobedience of the rules of the prison in the year.

No alteration has been made in the buildings or in the discipline of the prison. The question of adopting some measures of improvement with the view of bringing the prison into conformity with the Prisons Act, having been mentioned at the Easter Sessions, 1866, without any result, I addressed the Visiting Justices on the subject in November last, and was informed in reply, that my letter was laid before an adjourned session on the 20th November when an order was made, "that "the state of the gaol shall be considered at the next "Quarter Sessions, and that special notice thereof shall be "sent to all the justices." Three months have elapsed since the sessions referred to were by this order specially summoned to consider the question, but I have not heard that anything has been done.

The prison staff includes two subordinate officers only, viz., a matron and male turnkey, whose united salaries amount to 90*l.* per annum.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

BEDFORD COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	477	65	542	8	58
Average daily number in custody -	130	6	136	1	2
Re-committals - - -	207	18	225	1	19

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 172
" " female " " - 10
" " debtors at any one time - 9

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £3,736 17*s.* 10*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - £23 2*s.* 0*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	36	2	27	—	65
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	166	7	8	1	82
„ 14, „ 1 month -	44	3	12	—	159
„ 1 month, and not exceeding 2 months	80	4	5	—	89
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	31	—	5	—	36
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	23	—	4	—	27
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	21	—	—	—	21
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years	8	—	—	—	8
Penal Servitude of every duration -	7	—	—	—	7

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Oakum picking - -	40	2	42	22 10 0	—	22 10 0
Mat-making - -	43	—	43	409 6 5	—	409 6 5
Shoemaking - -	14	—	14	107 10 3	—	107 10 3
Tailoring - - -	2	—	2	55 13 3	—	55 13 3
Smiths - - -	1	—	1	—	11 4 0	11 4 0
Carpenters and Painters	2	—	2	—	62 14 6	62 14 6
Gardeners and Labourers	1	—	1	—	16 11 0	16 11 0
Wash-house - -	3	2	5	—	39 6 3	39 6 3
Sewing - - -	—	2	2	—	13 2 2	13 2 2
Excavators - -	2	—	2	—	74 10 0	74 10 0
Whitewashing - -	1	—	1	—	6 5 0	6 5 0
Incidental - - -	6	—	6	—	91 17 6	91 17 6
Total number employed at profitable labour.	115	6	121	594 19 11	315 10 5	910 10 4

Accommodation for prisoners :—

For criminals :—	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells certified by an Inspector - - - - -	145	8	153
Ordinary cells not certified - -	35	7	42
Punishment cells certified - -	4	2	6

Four of the uncertified cells are used as reception cells.

Yards for exercise. The exercise ground is one open space, divided by a party wall separating shot drill from the walking exercise ground.

For debtors :—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	8	2	10
Day rooms - - -	—	—	2
Yards for exercise - - -	—	—	2

Of the cells for criminal prisoners, 153 are artificially warmed and ventilated, 195 are supplied with gas or other light, and 136 are provided with bells. The prisoners rise in summer at 5.45 a.m. and retire to bed at 8 p.m. In winter

they rise at 6.30 and retire as in summer. Prisoners who have received a good conduct badge and are industriously employed, work after supper until 8 p.m. but do not go to bed until 9 p.m.

The criminal prisoners sleep in hammocks; convicted prisoners on plank beds on alternate nights for one month; reconvicted prisoners on alternate nights for three months.

All prisoners when in association are under the supervision of an officer, with the exception of three, who in default of females are occasionally employed in the wash-house.

Provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 1½*d.*

Extra diet has been given by order of the Surgeon, during the year, to 18 men, for an aggregate of 108 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Cheese.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.
1st - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd - -	10 8	10 8	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
3rd - -	8 0	8 0	6	4	14	14	3 0	3 0	2	2	2	2
4th - -	10 12	8 2	9	6	14	14	1 8	1 8	2	2	3	2
5th - -	10 4	8 8	12	9	14	14	6 0	3 0	3	3	4	3

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the 1st class.

The labour in which the prisoners are employed consists of 1st, shot drill for one hour daily under the superintendence of the warders. The ground is adapted for 50 men. 2nd, hard-labour machines, of which 10 are in use. 3rd, cranks; one only is in use for pumping the necessary supply of water, for which purpose six prisoners are employed at one time during the hours of exercise. 4th, weaving matting with the heavy loom. 5th, excavating.

Hard Labour of the 2nd class.

Includes oakum and coir picking, mat-making, tailoring, and shoemaking.

Prisoners who are employed in the services of the prison are chosen from those who have served the first three months of their imprisonment. They are selected by the Governor, and their names are submitted for the approval of the visiting Justices in the daily employment book.

Prisoners are employed in labour, in summer, for 7½ hours, and in winter for 7 hours. In summer 9¾ hours are allowed for sleep, in winter 10½.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The Chaplain describes his duties as follows:—

"Two full services on Sunday. Prayers and exposition every morning. A bible class for three quarters of an hour on Tuesday and Friday mornings; and a questionary exposition of three quarters of an hour for all the prisoners on Thursday afternoon, The schoolmaster has two classes, three quarters of an hour each. on Monday and Wednesday, and the matron regularly teaches the females, who are few in number. The schoolmaster and schoolmistress are able and efficient. There is an ample supply of religious books. To Romanists only is the privilege *offered* of having a minister of their own denomination without their making a request."

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison and sees most of the prisoners daily. The general health of the prisoners is good. There has been no epidemic during the year. The provisions are of good quality, and generally sufficient, and not more than sufficient to keep the prisoners in good health The clothing and bedding are good and sufficient.

One death has taken place.

There have been no escapes.

The new kitchen, reception cells, and male infirmary, reported as requisite, and referred to in my last report, are in course of erection.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 27 July 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
Convicted at assizes or sessions, and sentenced to imprisonment	42	3
„ and sentenced to penal servitude	1	—
Middlesex convicts under contract	59	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	6	1
„ the Juvenile Offenders Act	1	—
„ the Game Laws	3	—
For assault	3	—
„ want of sureties	4	2
Others summarily convicted	3	2
Debtors from the county courts	2	—
	124	8
Total	132	
Total on the same day last year	134	7
Total	141	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Hard Labour of the 1st class.

Males:—		
Crank	10	
Weaving	5	
Excavating	8	
		23

Hard Labour of the 2nd class.

Males:—		
Picking oakum	29	
Shoemaking	16	
Tailoring	2	
Matmaking	22	
Plaiting	10	
Winding	1	
Balling Coir	3	
Carpenters and Painters	2	
Garden Labourers	3	
Cleaners	9	
Sick	2	
Debtors	2	
		101
Females:—		
Washing	2	
Picking oakum	2	
Sewing	3	
Cleaners	1	
		8
Total		132

Eighty-four males were exempt from hard labour of the 1st class; either as having been upwards of three month in prison, by the nature of their sentence, or by order of the Surgeon. The remaining 17 men work at shot drill one hour daily, and pump water by means of the crank pump.

Punishment has been inflicted 337 times on male, and three times on female prisoners, as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells	28	1	times.
Stoppage of diet	298	2	
Other punishments	11	—	

The staff of the prison includes 16 male and three female subordinate officers whose united salaries amount to 1058*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*

BERKSHIRE.

READING.—COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	775	122	897	18	31
Average daily number in custody -	111	14	125	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	198	32	230	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 131
" " female " " - 20
" " debtors at any one time - 5

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £3,622 8*s.* 5*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £28 19*s.* 7*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	39	7	10	—	56
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	124	13	30	1	168
" 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	193	22	28	—	243
" 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	118	13	21	2	154
" 2 and not exceeding 3 months -	59	2	7	—	68
" 3 and not exceeding 6 months -	89	2	12	—	103
" 6 months, and not exceeding 1 year	37	—	3	—	40
" 1 and not exceeding 2 years -	10	1	1	—	12
Penal Servitude of every duration -	5	—	—	—	5

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total number employed at profitable labour, (pumping water, grinding corn, stonebreaking, picking oakum, matmaking, shoemaking, tailoring, carpentering, whitewashing, painting, gardening, assisting cook, baker, and engineer, washing, and needlework)	96	12	108	116 5 1	649 19 10	766 4 11

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified	185	29	216
Punishment cells certified	4	2	6
Reception cells	7	3	10
Yards for exercise	1	1	2
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	20	1	21
Day rooms	2	1	3
Yards for exercise	1	1	2

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and supplied with bells. The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and retire to bed at 9 p.m. throughout the year, and sleep in hammocks.

Provisions and stores are supplied by contract, and the average weekly cost of food per head is 1*s.* 8¾*d.* Forty-three prisoners have received extra diet by order of the surgeon during the year on an aggregate of 1,258 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Bacon.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	7 0	7 0	—	—	7	7	—	—
2nd	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	3 8	2 10
3rd	8 12	7 0	—	—	14	14	3 8	3 8
4th	8 12	7 0	9	7½	14	14	7 0	5½

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The prisoners are employed, 1st, in pumping water collectively in separate compartments, and grinding corn singly with Dean's Patent Hand Flour Mills for the supply of the prisoners, 10 of whom can work at the crank pump and six at the mills at one time; 2nd, stonebreaking, without the assignment of a special task; 3rd, mat-making by loom. The following employments are in use as hard labour of the 2nd class,—mat-making, picking oakum, and the necessary service of the prison.

For the latter employment prisoners not sentenced to hard labour, and those who have been confined for a long period, are chosen by the governor, with the sanction of the visiting justices. The period allotted to labour is 9 hours, (at the crank pump and corn mills 7¾ hours, including the time required for changing the gangs,) and 8½ hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain performs morning service daily in the chapel, with exposition of Scripture, and full service morning and evening on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday. The Lord's supper is administered as often as there are prisoners fitted to benefit by it. The Protestant prisoners are visited frequently by the chaplain, who also superintends the secular education and the distribution of books. The schoolmaster devotes the forenoon and evening to the instruction of prisoners committed for periods of one month and upwards, in reading, writing, and arithmetic, duties which he satisfactorily performs.

The prison is fairly supplied with religious and secular books.

Discharged prisoners are relieved from two sources, 1st, from a small fund supported and distributed by the visiting justices, and, 2ndly, from the distribution by the chaplain of the interest on a capital sum of 156*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.* reduced 3 per cent. annuities paid by the Charity Commissioners.

The Roman Catholic priest has permission to visit Roman Catholics.

Dissenters willingly receive the chaplain's visits.

Health.

The surgeon attends daily, examines all prisoners on committal and discharge, and visits each prisoner twice a week, and the sick as required. No epidemic has occurred this year, and the general health has been good.

The provisions have been of good quality, and, save in exceptional cases, have maintained the health of the prisoners undergoing hard labour.

The clothing and bedding are good and sufficient.

One death from natural causes has occurred, and two insane prisoners have been removed to lunatic asylums.

No alteration has taken place in the discipline of the prison since the last report. The new dietary has been confirmed by the Secretary of State.

Punishment has been inflicted 99 times on male and 15 times on female prisoners, as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	
Whipping - - -	2	—	times.
Solitary or dark cells - -	3	3	
Stoppage of diet - - -	94	12	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 23rd April 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination - - -	1	—
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	5	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - -	53	7
„ sentenced to penal servitude -	1	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	10	5
„ the Vagrant Act - -	6	—
„ the Juvenile Offenders' Act -	1	—
„ the Game Laws - - -	1	—
For assault - - - - -	5	—
Others summarily convicted - -	6	4
Soldiers convicted by Courts Martial -	3	—
	92	16
Total - -	108	
Total on the same day last year -	87	14
Total - -	101	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males,—

Grinding corn	6
Mat-making and weaving	13
Picking coir and oakum	15
Pumping water	10
Shoemending	2
Tailoring	1
Carpentering	1
Rope beating	9
Gardening	2
Stonebreaking	18
Whitewashing and painting	4
Assisting cook	1
„ baker	1
„ engineer	1
Cleaning	5

Females,—

Washing, cleaning, needlework, and picking coir and oakum.

The staff of the prison includes 17 male and 2 female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 790*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*

ABINGDON.—COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	139	9	148	Nil.	4
Average daily number in custody	10	1	11	Nil.	
Re-committals	34	3	37	Nil.	Nil.

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 29
„ „ female „ „ - 4
„ „ debtors at any one time - - 2

Total expenditure for the prison - £649 7*s.* 4*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - £55 12*s.* 3*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different periods of Imprisonment during the year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	22	5	—	—	27
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	24	2	2	1	29
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	26	5	—	2	33
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	36	3	1	2	42
„ 2 and not exceeding 3 months -	14	—	—	—	14
„ 3 and not exceeding 6 months -	6	—	1	—	7

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been Employed during the year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total number employed at profitable labour, (pumping water, pounding alum petre, grinding pepper and rice, picking and packing oakum and coir fibre, tailoring, shoemaking, painting, carpentering, limewashing, cleaning the prison, making and mending clothes for prisoners, &c.) - -	10	1	11	5 6 5	36 0 0	41 6 5

Accommodation for prisoners:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	34	10	44
Punishment cells not certified -	4	2	6
Reception cells - - -	5	3	8
Yards for exercise - - -	2	1	3
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	2	1	3
Day rooms - - -	1	1	2
Yards for exercise - - -	1	1	2

The cells of this prison are not warmed or artificially ventilated, and but 17 are lighted with gas, and 24 provided with bells. The prisoners sleep in beds, rising at 6 in summer and 6.30 in winter, and retiring to bed at 8 throughout the year. One or more officers are pre-

sent when prisoners are in association. The prisoners are confined the whole day to their cells, with the exception of one hour's exercise and 20 minutes attendance at chapel. When they do not complete their work they are not allowed any exercise *on the week days,* but all have from 2 to 2½ hours exercise in association on Sundays.

Diet of Prisoners.

Provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 2½*d.* Six prisoners have received extra diet by order of the surgeon during the year on an aggregate of 60 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Cheese.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
2nd - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	3 8	2 10	—	—
3rd - -	8 12	7 0	—	—	14	14	3 8	3 8	—	—
4th - -	8 12	7 0	9	7½	14	14	7 0	5 4	8	

Labour and Employment.

The labour required from the prisoners is inconsiderable. Hard labour machines are used when alum and petre can be obtained, and a crank pump is in daily use to supply the prison with water, one or two prisoners working at a time.

Occasionally there is some hard labour in pounding alum with a 28 lbs. pestle for men, and one of 14 lbs. for boys, but this is only rarely the case. Shot drill is about to be introduced. The ground will be adapted for 18 men, but is capable of extension.

For the necessary services of the prison, the governor, with the sanction of the visiting justices, selects well-conducted prisoners or those who suffer from physical weakness.

Nine hours are nominally allotted to labour, and 10 hours in summer and 10½ in winter are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers once daily, and on Sundays and great festivals twice, with one sermon. He has interviews with prisoners on admission and discharge, and at

other times as he thinks it advisable. He superintends the school, and the distribution of books, with which the prison is well supplied. The schoolmaster and schoolmistress instruct the prisoners daily, and perform their duties efficiently.

Prisoners of religious denominations differing from the establishment are offered the privilege of being visited by their own ministers without originating a request to that effect.

Health.

The surgeon attends daily, and when sent for by the governor. Each prisoner is seen by him once in the week, and on admission and discharge. The health of the prisoners has been excellent, and no epidemic has occurred. The provisions are of good quality, but not more than sufficient to maintain health. The clothing and bedding are good and sufficient.

During this year 17 of the cells have been lighted with gas. Prisoners have been employed to some extent in picking junk and cocoa fibre, as hard labour of the second class.

Punishment by stoppage of diet has been inflicted 111 times on male, and five times on female prisoners. There being no cells for punishment, privation of food and corporal punishment are alone in use. The latter, however, has not been resorted to for some years.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 24th April 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	2	—
„ the Vagrant Act	1	2
„ the Juvenile Offenders Act	1	—
„ the Game Laws	2	—
For assault	1	—
Others summarily convicted	2	—
	9	2
Total	11	
Total on the same day last year	8	2
Total	10	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Picking oakum (3 lbs. daily)	8
Cooking	1
Females.—Washing.	1

The borough is threatening to apply for a mandamus to compel the magistrates of the county to bring this prison into conformity with the Prisons Act, 1865.

The staff of the prison includes two male, and one female subordinate officers, whose united salaries ammount to 134*l.*

BRECONSHIRE.

COUNTY PRISON OF BRECON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	193	19	212	7	6
Average daily number in custody	31	3	34	—	—
Re-committals	29	3	32	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 46
" " female " " " "
" " debtors at any one time 2

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison £1,028 10*s.* 8*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings £29 0*s.* 0*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	18	2	1	—	21
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	27	—	5	—	32
" 14 days " " 1 month	49	1	6	—	56
" 1 month " " 2 months	39	—	5	—	44
" 2 months " " 3 "	24	—	1	—	25
" 3 " " " 6 "	10	—	—	—	10
" 6 " " " 1 year	10	—	—	—	10
" 1 year " " 2 years	1	—	—	—	1
" 2 years	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoner employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Crank	6	—	6	—	—	—
Rope beating	4	—	4	—	—	—
Stone breaking	2	—	2	0 6 0	—	0 6 0
Mat making	2	—	2	12 15 4	3 0 0	15 15 4
Oakum picking	10	—	10	29 16 2	—	29 16 2
Shoemaking, tailoring, and painting.	2	—	2	—	56 8 8	56 8 8
Cooking	1	—	1	—	26 0 0	26 0 0
Cleaners	3	—	3	—	—	—
Sick, and not employed	1	—	1	—	—	—
Washing and laundry work.	—	3	3	—	39 0 0	39 0 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	15	3	18	42 17 6	124 8 8	167 6 2

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified	40	—	40
Do. not certified	8	8	16
Punishment cells certified	2	—	2
Do. not certified	—	1	1
Reception cells	3	—	
Yards for exercise	8	2	10
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	3	1	4
Day rooms	1	1	2
Yards for exercise	1	—	1

Six of the certified cells for males are sufficiently large for three men if required.

The uncertified cells for males are not used.

Forty of the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and provided with bells.

The male prisoners sleep in hammocks, and the women on straw palliasses. The hour for rising is 6 a.m., and that for retiring 8 p.m. The male prisoners, when in association, are overlooked by warders. This is not always the case with the females.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract; the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 10¼*d.* Extra diet has been supplied by order of the surgeon to 12 prisoners on an aggregate of 887 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - - -	10 8	10 8	—	—	14	14	—	—
2nd - - - -	10 8	10 8	18*	18	14	14	3 8	3 8
3rd - - - -	10 8	10 8	18	18	14	14	7 0	7 0

* Cooked, and without bone.

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard labour of the first class consists of—1st. Stone breaking; 1 square yard is the allotted task per day of 10 hours. 2d. Rope beating. 3d. Pumping water to supply the prison. Six men can work at one time upon the crank.

As hard labour of the second class, the prisoners are employed at mat making, plaiting and picking coir, oakum picking, shoemaking, and tailoring.

For the service of the prison, a selection is made by the governor, subject to the approval of the visiting justices, regard being paid to behaviour, length of sentence, and fitness for the work.

From 6 to 10 hours are spent at the crank, or other hard labour, and 10 hours at oakum picking, mat making, &c. 10 hours are allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain performs two services on Sundays and preaches, reads prayers three times a week, with a service and sermon on Christmas Day and Good Friday. He also visits and instructs the prisoners, there being no schoolmaster or mistress. There is a good supply of books.

"Ministers of all denominations are admitted to see "prisoners upon especial request made by such prisoners, "and upon no other conditions."

HEALTH.

The surgeon attends twice a week, and oftener when necessary. The health of the prisoners has been very fair. The provisions are good in quality, and are found sufficient, but not more than sufficient to maintain the prisoners in health. There is a sufficient supply of clothing and bedding. One prisoner has been discharged as insane.

Punishment has been inflicted 141 times on male, and 3 times on female prisoners during the year, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Irons or handcuffs	2	—	times.
Solitary or dark cells	11	—	
Stoppage of diet	121	3	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 26th October 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	1	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	10	2
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	5	—
For assault	7	—
Others summarily convicted	2	—
Deserters awaiting a route	1	—
Debtors from the county courts	2	—
	28	2
Total	30	
Total on the same day last year	28	5
	33	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—	
At the crank pump	7
Oakum picking	7
Beating rope	2
Tailoring	1
Shoemaking	1
Packing oakum	1
Cleaners	3
Females.—	
Washing	2

The staff of the prison includes three male and one female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 203*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

AYLESBURY.—COUNTY GAOL.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	648	66	714	9	36
Average daily number in custody -	99·11	8	107·11	1·99	·10
Re-committals - - - - -	264	9	273	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 132
" " female " " " - 15
" " debtors " " " - 5

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £2,715 1*s.* 10*d.*

Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £31 2*s.* 9*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - -	112	5	22	1	140
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days - -	94	8	9	2	113
" 14, " 1 month - - -	162	10	7	4	183
" 1 month, and not exceeding 2 months -	117	1	4	1	123
" 2 " " 3 " - -	27	1	3	—	31
" 3 " " 6 " - -	27	—	8	—	35
" 6 " " 1 year - -	25	—	—	—	25
" 1 year " " 2 years - -	3	—	—	—	3
Penal Servitude of every duration - - -	5	—	—	—	5

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the year.
	£ *s.* *d.*
Matmaking and weaving - - - - - -	35 10 4
Oakum picking - - - - - - -	64 12 6
Grinding corn - - - - - - -	2 15 3
Gardening - - - - - - - -	13 6 3
Total - - - - - - -	116 4 4

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary certified cells -	220	17	237
Punishment cells certified	6	—	6
Reception cells certified -	6	3	9
Yards for exercise - -	36	6	42
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms -	17	—	17
Day rooms - - -	4	—	4
Yards for exercise - -	2	—	2

Of the cells for criminals, 252 are warmed and ventilated, 246 are lighted, and 252 furnished with bells. The prisoners sleep in hammocks, plank beds being used only in the punishment cells. In summer the prisoners rise at 5 a.m., and retire to rest at 9 p.m.; in winter the hours are 6 and 10 respectively. No association of prisoners takes place.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract; the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 2¼*d.*

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	pts.	pts.
1st - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd - -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1	—	—
3rd - -	8 12	7 14	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2	—	—
4th - -	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3	—	—
5th -	9 10	7 14	16	12	11	11	7 0	7 0	3	3	3	3

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The labour consists in, 1st., the treadmill, one of which has been in use since the 5th November 1866. Twenty-four prisoners work at once, divided by partitions, and are always under the observation of an officer while at work, and while resting. No use is made of the power thus obtained. 2ndly, pumping water by cranks for the use of the prison. Eight prisoners work at once in separate compartments. 3rd, grinding corn by hand-mills worked by prisoners in separate cells.

Hard Labour of the 2d Class

Consists in pumping water, grinding corn, mat-making, trade occupation, and oakum picking.

The necessary services of the prison are in general performed by prisoners who have been confined for a lengthened period. They are selected by the Governor, and approved by the Visiting Justices. Ten hours a day are assigned to labour, and eight hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain, schoolmaster, and schoolmistress continue to perform the duties described at length in my last Report. The schoolmaster and schoolmistress are well qualified and efficient. Prisoners of a religious denomination differing from the Establishment are allowed, *if they make the request*, to receive the visits of their own ministers.

Health.

The surgeon visits the sick daily, examines prisoners on committal and discharge, and inspects every prisoner twice a week. Once a month the inspection is made in company with the Governor and the matron. The average health of the prisoners has been maintained, and no epidemic has occurred. The diet, clothing, and bedding are good and sufficient.

One death from natural causes has taken place during the year.

Two prisoners have been pardoned on medical grounds, and two lunatics have been removed to asylums.

No alteration has been made in the discipline since the last Report. A shed has been erected for the treadwheel.

Punishment has been inflicted 170 times on male and 24 times on female prisoners, viz.,—

	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Solitary or dark cells -	19	1	20	times
Stoppage of diet - -	151	23	174	„
	170	24	194	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 22d April 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	8	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	38	3
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	12	2
„ The Vagrant Act	7	—
„ The Juvenile Offenders Act	1	1
„ The Game Laws	7	—
For assault	—	1
Others summarily convicted	13	—
Debtors from the Superior Courts	1	—
	86	7
Total	93	
Total on the same day last year	101	7
Total	108	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—At the treadmill (unproductive)	36
Hand corn-mills, crank pump, and oakum picking	9
Pumping, grinding corn, picking oakum, and mat-making	6
Mat-making and weaving matting	3
Prison services	3
Oakum picking in their cells	15
Sick	—
Under punishment	1
Females.—Washing and needlework	5
Picking oakum	—

The prison staff includes 16 male and two female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 1,000*l.* 4*s.*

BUCKINGHAM.—BOROUGH PRISON.

The number of prisoners of both sexes who have been committed to this prison in the course of the year has been only 9, and the greatest number in confinement at any one time has been 2 men and 1 woman... But even for this small number the prison is entirely unsuited. Its appliances are altogether inadequate, as it has but one airing yard for prisoners of both sexes, which is overlooked from all the cells, so that the facilities for communication are unlimited.

There are 12 cells which are said to have been certified;

but by whom, or at what time, I have never been able to ascertain. Under the provisions of the Prisons Act, 1865, they could not be certified.

To improve the prison would be impossible, for its site does not admit of the smallest extension; neither would it be justifiable to incur the expense of doing so, if it were possible, for the accommodation of only two prisoners. The only thing to be done is to shut it up, and to send the prisoners of all kinds to the county gaol at Aylesbury, under contract or otherwise. This advice has been incessantly offered in these reports and verbally for many years past without result, but now that conditions are required by law which cannot be complied with, it is presumed that the right course cannot much longer be delayed.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

CAMBRIDGE.—COUNTY PRISON OF CAMBRIDGE.

—	Criminal Prisoners. Males.	Debtors, Male and Female.	
		Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	178	3	13
Average daily number in custody -	26	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	71	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 41
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - 4

Total ordinary expenditure for the prison - - - - £1,257 7*s.* 5*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - £46 3*s.* 2*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	28	5	33
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	14	1	15
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month -	55	2	57
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	32	—	32
„ 2 and not exceeding 3 months -	16	—	16
„ 3 and not exceeding 6 months -	14	—	14
„ 6 months and not exceeding 1 year -	3	—	3
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 years - -	2	—	2
Penal Servitude of every duration - -	1	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been Employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed. All Males.	Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Weaving matting, mat making	6	46 11 6	—	46 11 6
Shoemaking	1	5 12 10	—	5 12 10
Picking Oakum	5	5 0 10	—	5 0 10
Tailoring and washing	1	—	32 9 0	32 9 0
Cleaners and lime whitening	3	—	82 16 0	82 16 0
Pumping and cook	5	—	116 12 6	116 12 6
Total number employed at profitable labour	21	57 5 2	231 17 6	289 2 8

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	For Males. (No females received.)
For criminals,—	
Ordinary certified cells	28
Do. not certified	24
Punishment cells not certified	2
Reception cells	3
Yards for exercise	6
For debtors,—	
Sleeping cells or rooms	20
Day rooms	2
Yards for exercise	2

The cells for criminals are warmed and ventilated artificially, but the apparatus is defective and nearly worn out. The cells are also lighted and provided with bells. The prisoners sleep in hammocks. The hours for rising and retiring to rest are 5.45 a.m. and 8.15 p.m. throughout the year.

Prisoners when in association are constantly under the eye of the officer present.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 4¼*d.*

Five prisoners have received extra diet, by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 293 days. The extra allowance has consisted of 6 ozs. of bread daily to prisoners on 5th class diet.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1	7 0	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—
2	10 8	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	1	—
3	8 4	—	6	—	14	—	4 0	—	3	—
4	8 4	—	12	—	14	—	2 0	—	3	—
5	7 14	—	16	—	14	—	7 0	—	3	—

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

The prisoners are employed in pumping water, weaving matting and rope-beating, washing bedding and clothing, mat-making, picking oakum, tailoring, shoemaking, lime-whitening and repairs not requiring skilled labour. The services of the prison are performed by the most industrious and well-conducted criminal prisoners selected by the governor. The time is thus divided :—

	Hours.
Labour	10½
Sleep	9
Meals	2
Exercise, schooling, &c.	2½
	24

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain performs Divine Service twice on Sundays, and once on week days. He visits the prisoners in separate confinement daily, and receives a class in his own room, has an interview with each prisoner on admission and discharge, and visits the sick.

The schoolmaster, who is well qualified and efficient, instructs the prisoners daily on week days in reading, writing, and arithmetic from 8.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 2 to 4 p.m. On Saturday there is no afternoon instruction. On Sunday he acts as clerk in the chapel.

The prison is well supplied with books.

The chaplain states that no request is ever made by prisoners of religious denominations differing from the Established Church to be visited by ministers of their own communion.

Health.

The surgeon attends three times a week, and whenever required... The health of prisoners has been generally good. The quality of the provisions is good. The dietary, with few exceptions, has been found sufficient. The clothing and bedding are satisfactory; the drainage and ventilation passable; but the warming is very defective.

In consequence of the inadequacy of the prison, some of the rules in Schedule 1 of the Prisons' Act have not been complied with; but plans for improving and enlarging the prison have received the sanction of the Secretary of State, and the work will be commenced immediately.

Punishment has been inflicted 53 times on male prisoners during the year; viz., by—

Solitary or dark cells - - -	12 times
Stoppage of diet - - - -	41 „

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 2d August 1866 :—

	Males.
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - - -	5
Convicted summarily :—	
Under the Criminal Justice Act - -	3
„ the Vagrant Act - - - -	1
„ the Game Laws - - -	1
For assault - - - - -	2
„ want of sureties - - - -	1
Debtors from the superior courts - - -	1
Total - - -	14
Total on the same day last year - -	35

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows :—

Mat-making on frames - - -	5
Pumping water - - - -	4
Picking oakum - - - -	3
Cooks - - - - -	1

The staff of the prison includes seven male subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 338*l.* 15*s.*

CAMBRIDGE.—BOROUGH PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	178	74	252	2	12
Average daily number in custody -	27	8	35	—	—
Re-committals - - -	37	9	46	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 41
" " female " " " 13
" " Debtors " " 3

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £880 12*s.* 9*d.*

Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £23 18*s.* 9*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	25	4	19	—	48
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	46	—	14	—	60
" 14, " " 1 month -	39	8	14	3	64
" 1 month, " 2 months -	27	—	3	1	31
" 2 months, " 3 " -	7	—	2	—	9
" 3 " " 6 " -	9	—	4	—	13
" 6 " " 1 year -	6	—	2	—	8
" 1 year, " 2 years -	2	—	—	—	2
Penal servitude of every duration -	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Treadwheel and cranks	12	—	12	—	—	—
Mat making - -	3	—	3	12 3 1	—	12 3 1
Oakum picking -	2	1	3	—	—	—
Firewood making -	4	—	4	14 10 6	—	14 10 6
Hair combing, &c. -	1	—	1	2 11 6	—	2 11 6
Repairs of prison -	2	—	2	—	31 13 0	31 13 0
Prison clothing - -	1	2	3	—	13 14 8	13 14 8
Cook and cleaners -	2	1	3	—	25 0 0	25 0 0
Washing, &c. -	—	4	—	—	15 0 0	26 11 3
	14	8	17	11 11 3		
				40 16 4	85 7 8	126 4 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For criminals,—	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary certified cells -	16	—	16
Ditto, not certified - - -	12	18	30
Punishment cells certified - -	1	1	2
Reception cells - - -	2	1	3
Yards for exercise - - -	2	3	5
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	6	1	7
Day rooms - - -	1	1	2
Yards for exercise -	1	1	2

The cells are warmed by a stove in the corridor, but are not ventilated. 32 of the males' cells and 18 of those for females are provided with bells and lighted with gas.

Hammocks are alone used for sleeping by the criminal prisoners. The hour for rising is 5.45 in summer and 6.30 in winter, and that for retiring 9.15 and 8.30 respectively.

Prisoners when in association are under the immediate observation of an officer.

Diet.

All provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s*. 0½*d*.

Two prisoners only have received extra diet by order of the surgeon on an aggregate of 80 days. Both of them were ill on admission.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2
2nd - - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	7	7	2 4	1 8
3rd - - -	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10
4th - - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6
5th - - -	10 0	7 12	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8

(*continued.*)

Class.	Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - -	+|	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - - -	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - - -	2¼	2¼	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - - -	3	3	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - - -	3	3	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The male prisoners are employed, 1st on the treadmill, on which six can work at once. They are separated by partitions, and constantly under the eye of an officer. No use is made of the power. 2nd, hard labour machines. 3rd, cranks at which six can work at the same time, divided by partitions, and under the supervision of an officer. The power is applied to sawing wood and pumping water.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

This class of labour consist of mat making, oakum picking, firewood making, repairs of the prison, making and mending prison clothing, and washing, but not with the sanction of the Secretary of State, application having been postponed until the completion of alterations now in progress.

The services of the prison are performed by the best-conducted of long termed prisoners, who have served not less than half their sentences. The selection hitherto made by the Governor, is in future to be in the hands of the Visiting Justices.

The prisoners are employed in labour for 10 hours per diem. 8½ hours in summer and 10 hours in winter are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers once daily. On Sunday morning and afternoon services are performed, with one sermon. Prisoners are visited in their cells. There being no schoolmaster nor schoolmistress, one of the turnkeys instructs the male, and the matron the female prisoners, and perform their duties efficiently. The prison is well supplied with religious and secular books.

The prisoners who do not belong to the Established Church can by expressing a wish to that effect see a minister of their own communion.

Health.

The surgeon attends three times a week, and daily when necessary. The general health of the prisoners has been good, and no epidemic has visited the prison.

The provisions are good in quality and sufficient for health.

The clothing and bedding are good and sufficient.

The treadmill and cranks have been put into working order and are in use, together with hard labour machines.

Sixteen full sized cells artificially warmed and ventilated, the plans approved and certified by the Secretary of State, are approaching completion.

Hard labour of the 1st class has not been fully carried out during the whole year in consequence of the machinery needing repair, and the erection of the new buildings rendering its use inconvenient. These obstacles do not now exist.

Punishment has been inflicted 25 times on male and twice on female prisoners, viz.:

	Male.	Female.	
Solitary or dark cells - -	7	—	times.
Stoppage of diet - -	18	2	„

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 3rd August 1866.

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination - - - -	2	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - - -	10	1
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act - -	3	1
Others summarily convicted - -	5	—
	20	2
Total - - -	22	
Total on the same day last year -	28	11
Total - -	39	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Crank (sawing) - - - -	6
Pumping - - - -	1
Hard labour crank - - -	1
Tailoring - - - -	1
Tying up firewood - - -	1
Oakum picking - - -	2
Preparing oakum - - -	2
Cooking - - - -	1
Females.—Needlework.	

The staff of the prison includes 3 male and 2 female subordinates officers, whose collective salaries amount to 213*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*

ELY.—ISLE OF ELY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	115	18	133	—	13
Average daily number in custody -	16	2	18	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	12	3	15	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 27
" " female " " 7
" " debtors at any one time 2

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £634 15*s.* 11*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £34 3*s.* 4*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	23	1	3	—	27
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days -	15	1	4	—	20
" 14 days and not exceeding 1 month	35	—	2	—	37
" 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	10	—	—	—	10
" 2 and not exceeding 3 months -	7	—	1	—	8
" 3 and not exceeding 6 months -	6	—	1	—	7
" 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	7	—	1	—	8
" 1 and not exceeding 2 years -	1	—	1	—	2
Penal Servitude of every duration -	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Treadmill, crank, &c. - -	4	—	4	—	—	—
Sweeping, cleaning, cooking, &c. - - -	2	—	2	—	—	—
Matmaking - - -	3	—	3	6 10 0	1 10 0	8 0 0
Fibre picking - - -	5	—	5	1 12 0	—	1 12 0
Tailoring and shoemaking -	1	—	1	—	12 10 0	12 10 0
Painting and bricklaying -	1	—	1	—	10 0 0	10 0 0
Making and mending clothing, knitting, washing, &c. - - - -	—	2	2	—	20 0 0	20 0 0
	16	2	12	8 2 0	44 0 0	52 2 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary certified cells - -	35	6	41
Ditto, not certified (not used) -	2	2	4
Punishment cells (certified) -	3	0	3
Yards for exercise - -	3		5
For debtors,—			
Sleeping rooms or cells - -	4	2	6
Day rooms - - -	1	1	2
Yards for exercise - - -	1	1	2

Thirty-five of the cells for males and six of those for females are warmed, ventilated, and lighted. 44, including the three punishment cells, are provided with bells.

Throughout the year the prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and retire at 9 p.m., sleeping in hammocks on mattresses stuffed with cocoa-nut fibre.

The prisoners when in association are under the observation of an officer.

Diet.

Provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 2*d.*

Extra diet, consisting chiefly of bread, has been allowed by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 734 days, before the new dietary was adopted.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1 - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
2 - -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1
3 - -	10 8	7 14	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2
4 - -	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3
5 - -	10 8	7 14	16	12	14	14	7 0	3 8	3	3

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The prisoners undergoing hard labour of the 1st class work on the treadmill, which is constructed for nine at once, exclusive of reliefs. The prisoners are divided by partitions on the wheel, and are always under the eye of an officer while at work and while resting. No use is made of the power. There is also one cellular hard-labour machine in use upon which one prisoner only can work. The power is not used.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

The male prisoners are employed in mat-making, tailoring, shoemaking, fibre picking, plaiting fibre for sinnett mats, &c. &c.; the females in washing, making, and mending the prison clothing and bedding, fibre picking, cleaning, &c.

The service of the prison is performed by well-conducted prisoners who are unfit for hard labour of the 1st class, selected by the governor, and approved by the visiting justices.

The period allotted to labour is 9½ hours, and 9 hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain performs divine service once on Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, with daily prayers and reading of scripture. He has private interviews with each prisoner on admission and discharge, and at other times.

There is no schoolmaster, but the turnkeys are competent and give instruction from cell to cell in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Hussey's relief fund for debtors is available in this prison.

Roman Catholics are allowed to see their own clergy, and they are always asked whether they would wish to see a priest.

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison twice or thrice a week, or every day, and oftener if required. The general state of the prisoners' health is pretty good. No epidemic has occurred.

The provisions are of the best quality, and the dietary sufficient to keep the prisoners in health and strength.

The clothing and bedding are good, and the warming, ventilation, and drainage quite satisfactory.

Two pardons have been granted to prisoners on medical grounds.

A new room has been erected near the treadmill for the shelter of the warder in charge of the prisoners during hard labour.

The treadmill and crank came into use on the 1st February 1866.

Punishment has been inflicted six times on males and once on a female prisoner, viz.:—

	Male.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells - -	5	1	times.
Stoppage of diet -	1	—	"

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 3rd August 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	10	3
„ sentenced to penal servitude	1	—
Convicted summarily,—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	1	—
„ the Vagrant Act	1	—
For assault	1	—
„ want of sureties	1	—
Others summarily convicted	4	—
	19	3
Total	22	
Total on the same day last year	15	2
Total	17	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Lime-washing and cleaning by permission of the visiting justices. Two were sick.

Females.—Lime-washing the females' prison and cleaning the prison. One was sick.

The prison staff included two male and one female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amounted to 138*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*

CARDIGANSHIRE.

COUNTY PRISON OF CARDIGAN.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.			
				Sheriffs.		County Court.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Prisoners committed in the year	87	8	95	3	–	8	1
Average daily number in custody	22	1	23	–	–	1	0
Re-committals	6	2	8	–	–	–	–

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 30
„ „ female „ „ „ 3
„ „ debtors at any one time 3

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - -	£826	7*s.*	1*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - -	£34	8*s.*	2*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	6	—	—	—	6
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	17	1	3	—	21
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month -	34	3	3	—	37
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months -	13	—	—	—	13
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ -	5	—	1	—	6
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ -	4	—	1	—	5
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	4	—	—	—	4
Penal servitude of every duration - -	3	—	—	—	3

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Treadwheel - - -	9	—	9	—	—	—
Picking oakum - -	3	—	3	5 9 10	1 5 0	5 9 10
Breaking stones - -	1	—	1	—	—	1 5 0
Washing, sewing, and mending - - -	—	1	1	—	12 8 5	12 8 5
Total number employed at profitable labour -	4	1	5	5 9 10	13 13 5	19 3 5

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	14	2	16
Punishment cells not certified -	1	—	1
Reception cells - - -	1	—	1
Yards for exercise - -	4	1	5
Day rooms - - - -	4	—	4
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms, also used as day rooms - - - -	4	2	6
Yards for exercise - -	1	—	1

None of the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, or lighted. They are provided with bells. The prisoners sleep on straw palliasses, rising in summer at 6 a.m. and retiring at 7 p.m., and in winter at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The prisoners do not associate except during meals, when an officer visits the day rooms as often as possible.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 3*s.* 4*d.* Extra diet has been supplied to five prisoners by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 307 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.
1st - - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	2½	2½
2nd - - -	10 8	7 14	3	3	—	—	3 0	3 0	1	1	—	—
3rd - - -	7 14	—	12	12	—	—	4 6	4 6	2	2	—	—
4th - - -	10 8	—	21	21	—	—	2 9	2 9	3	3	—	—
5th - - -	9 10	—	28	21	—	—	7 9	4 1	—	—	—	—

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The prisoners work on the treadmill and at stonebreaking, the daily task at the latter being one bushel. The treadmill is constructed for eight men at the same time, exclusive of reliefs. The prisoners are not divided by partitions, but are under the constant observation of an officer whilst at work and while resting. No use is made of the power.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

This consists in picking oakum, whitewashing, and preparing fuel.

The service of the prison is performed by prisoners of good conduct, and others unable to perform hard labour. The time appointed for labour is eight hours in summer, and seven in winter. Nine hours are allowed for sleep in summer and 10 in winter.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain has performed Divine Service and preached in Welsh and English on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, and visited the prisoners twice a week, and oftener in sickness. There is no schoolmaster or mistress, but the prison is sufficiently supplied with books. Prisoners of religious denominations differing from the Established Church "are offered the privilege of being visited by their own "ministers without originating a request to that effect."

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison twice a week for the examination of prisoners, and oftener when required. He reports favourably of the prisoners' health. The diet is of good quality, and sufficient, and not more than sufficient to maintain the health of the prisoners.

Two lunatics have been removed to an asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted 33 times on male, and 12 times on female prisoners, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Whipping - - -	3	—	times.
Solitary or dark cells - -	20	5	times.
Stoppage of diet - -	10	7	times.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 22nd October 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - - -	7	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	1	—
„ the Vagrant Act - -	3	—
For want of sureties - - -	2	—
Others summarily convicted - -	1	—
Debtor from the county courts - -	1	—
	15	—
Total - - -	15	
Total on the same day last year -	23	3
Total - -	26	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—On the treadmill - - - -	8
Picking oakum - - -	3
Cleaning prison - - -	2

The staff of the prison includes three male and one female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 105*l.* 16*s.*

CARMARTHENSHIRE.

COUNTY PRISON OF CARMARTHEN.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court
Prisoners committed in the year -	163	26	239	8	14
Average daily number in custody -	29	4	33	1	1
Re-committals - - - - -	62	8	70	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 44
" " female " " " - 9
" " debtors at any one time - - 4

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £1,107 12*s.* 1*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £31 4*s.* 6*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	27	—	2	—	29
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	26	—	2	—	28
" 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month -	47	—	9	—	56
" 1 month " " 2 months	19	—	3	—	22
" 2 months " " 3 "	14	—	4	—	18
" 3 " " " 6 "	7	1	1	—	9
" 6 " " " 1 year -	5	—	—	—	5
" 1 year " " 2 years -	3	—	—	—	3
" 2 years - - - -	—	—	1	—	1
Penal Servitude of every duration -	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treadwheel - -	17	—	17	—	—	—
Oakum picking - -	1	1	2	4 7 4	—	4 7 4
Stone breaking - -	2	—	2	9 18 4	—	9 18 4
Tailoring and sewing -	1	2	3	—	17 10 0	17 10 0
Washing - - -	1	1	1	—	8 0 0	8 0 0
Cooking - - -	1	—	1	—	—	—
Cleaning - - -	2	1	3	—	—	—
Prisoners' trades, viz., masons, carpenters, tinkers, shoemakers, &c.	1	—	1	—	20 0 0	20 0 0
	—	—	—	14 5 8	45 10 0	59 15 8

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	32	6	38
Punishment cells not certified -	3	2	5
Reception cells - -	1	—	1
Yards for exercise - -	3	2	5
For debtors,—			
Sleeping rooms or cells -	10	—	10
Yards for exercise - -	2	—	2

None of the cells are warmed, ventilated, lighted, or provided with bells. The prisoners sleep in beds rising in summer at 6 a.m. and retiring at 8 p.m., and in winter at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Plank beds are used in refractory cells.

When the prisoners are at work in association, a warder is present to prevent communication, &c.

It is found difficult to prevent this on Sunday when the prisoners are together in the yards. A warder moves about to check it as much as possible.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are chiefly supplied by contract, and those which are not so are provided under the orders and inspection of the visiting justices. The average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 11*d.*

Extra diet has been allowed by order of the surgeon to 10 prisoners on an aggregate of 61 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat in Soup.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Cheese.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.
1st - -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd - -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	2 0	2 0	—	—	—	—
3rd - -	10 8	7 14	6	6	17	17	2 0	2 0	4	4	—	—
4th - -	12 4	7 14	6	6	17	17	2 0	2 0	4	4	6	4
5th - -	10 8	7 14	3	3	17	17	2 0	2 0	2	2	—	—

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the First Class.

The prisoners work at the treadmill, which is constructed for 16 at one time. They are divided by partitions, and always under the observation of an officer during work and while resting. Such prisoners as are by order of the surgeon exempted from the treadmill work at stone breaking when material can be procured.

No special task is required, but continuous work is enforced by the presence of an officer.

Hard Labour of the Second Class.

The male prisoners are employed in oakum picking, stone breaking, cleaning, and in trade labour available for the prison requirements; the females in washing, oakum picking, sewing, cleaning, &c. Male prisoners also, if necessary, are employed in washing.

The service of the prison is performed by prisoners liable to hard labour, who have conducted themselves well for three months of their sentence, and by those who are incapacitated for or not liable to such labour, the preference being given to the two latter classes.

The period allotted to labour is nine hours in summer, and six in winter. Ten hours are allowed for sleep in summer, and 13 hours in winter.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and performs two services on Sunday. He visits prisoners on admission and discharge, and when necessary, and performs all the duties required by the rules of the prison and the Act of Parliament. In addition, he acts as schoolmaster, and instructs each prisoner for 40 minutes on five days in the week in

reading, writing, and arithmetic. There is a good supply of books. "Prisoners are informed that they can see a "minister of their own religious persuasion without pre-"ferring any request."

Health.

The surgeon attends five or six times a week, and examines the prisoners frequently. The health of the prisoners is spoken of by him as very good on the whole, and no epidemic has ocurred during the 17 years he has acted as surgeon.

The provisions are good in quality, and are found sufficient and not more than sufficient for all purposes.

The bedding and clothing are sufficient. The drainage is imperfect.

One lunatic has been removed to an asylum.

Two prisoners awaiting trial broke out of their cells (adjoining ones) on the night of the 3d of January and escaped, but were re-captured.

Punishment has been inflicted 36 times on male, and 18 times on female prisoners, viz.:

	Males.	Females.	
Irons or handcuffs	4	—	times.
Solitary or dark cells	20	13	
Stoppage of diet	12	5	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 23d October 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	—	2
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	10	—
„ sentenced to penal servitude	1	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	3	—
„ the Vagrant Act	3	—
„ the Game Laws	1	—
For assault	3	—
„ want of sureties	1	—
Others summarily convicted	3	—
Under sentence of court-martial	1	—
	26	3
Total	29	
Total on the same day last year	26	3
Total	29	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males:—

On the treadmill	18
Picking oakum	2
Breaking stones	1
Whitewashing	1
Cooking	1
Cleaning	2

Females:—

The convicted prisoner is certified to be insane; the others have been cleaning the prison.

The prisoners on the treadmill are changed every five minutes, at the ringing of a bell.

It is intended by extensive buildings and alterations, to bring this prison into conformity with the Prisons' Act, 1865.

The staff of the prison includes four male and one female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 214*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* The matron is unsalaried.

CARNARVONSHIRE.

COUNTY PRISON OF CARNARVON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	245	93	338	12	21
Average daily number in custody	29	7	36	—	—
Re-committals	55	33	88	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 35
" " female " " " 13
" " debtors at any one time " 5

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison £1,065 9*s.* 4*d.*

Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings £24 16*s.* 2*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	119	—	34	—	153
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	39	—	14	—	53
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month -	54	—	22	2	78
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months -	16	—	11	—	27
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ -	6	—	6	—	12
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ -	—	—	3	—	3
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	3	—	1	—	4
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years -	3	—	—	—	3
Penal servitude of every duration -	3	—	—	—	3

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
Picking oakum, weaving rugs, mats, and matting, and making mats	25	5	30	From the careless manner in which the returns in these columns are made, no reliance can be placed in them.		

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	9	3	12
Punishment cells „ - -	1	1	2
Reception cells - - -	2	0	2
Yards for exercise -	3	1	4
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	1	0	1
Day rooms - - -	1	0	1
Yards for exercise - -	1	0	1

None of the cells for criminals are warmed, lighted, or ventilated. They are provided with bells. The prisoners sleep in beds, rising at 5.45 a.m. and retiring at 7.30 p.m. throughout the year. Prisoners liable to hard labour, and evincing idleness sleep as a punishment on plank beds.

Association of prisoners takes place without supervision.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by Contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 1½*d.*

Extra diet has been allowed to 27 prisoners, by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 395 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		—
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	
1st -	7 0	5 4	—	—	11	11	—	—	3	3	
2nd -	10 8	8 12	—	—	11	11	—	—	3	3	
3rd -	8 0	7 6	—	—	11	11	4 0	4 0	6	6	2 pints
4th -	9 6	7 10	—	—	11	11	4 0	4 0	6	6	butter milk.
5th -	9 10	7 11	9	9	16½	11	6 0	4 0	9	6	1 pint do.

Labour and Employment.

The prisoners for hard labour pick 8 lbs. of oakum per day, (unconvicted prisoners 6 lbs.) weave matting, make mats of various kinds, &c. The service of the prison is performed chiefly by prisoners who are not sentenced to hard labour, and those committed for the 1st time for trivial offences. The selection is made by the governor, with the sanction of the visiting justices.

The time employed in labour is 10½ hours, and 10 hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain performs service and preaches a sermon on Sunday and the great festivals. He also reads prayers on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and visits the prisoners. The school is available for one hour per day, but is seldom used. The schoolmaster warder is fairly qualified. There is no schoolmistress. The prison is tolerably well supplied with books. There is no society for helping discharged prisoners, but several women have been sent to penitentiaries with good effect.

"Professors of religious denominations differing from the "Established Church are not offered the privilege of being "visited by their own ministers, without originating a request "to that effect, with the exception of Roman Catholics, who "are visited by their priest."

Health.

The surgeon, lately deceased, was accustomed to visit the prison at least five days in the week, and daily if necessary. He saw and examined all the prisoners once a week. No epidemic has occurred during the year.

One prisoner has died from natural causes, and one has been pardoned on medical grounds, and has since died.

Punishment has been inflicted 409 times on male and 111 times on female prisoners, viz.,

	Males.	Females.	
Irons or handcuffs - -	1	0	times.
Solitary or dark cells -	53	7	
Stoppage of diet - -	355	104	

Plans for a new prison were approved by the Secretary of State in the year 1863, but notwithstanding the acknowledged defects of the present building, exceeding those of any other prison in the kingdom, no steps have been taken for carrying them out.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, October 17th 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination - - -	—	1
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	4	1
Convicted at assizes or sessions - -	4	2
„ under the Criminal Justice Act	3	3
„ under the Vagrant Act -	1	2
Others summarily convicted - -	2	3
Debtors from the superior courts - -	3	—
	17	12
Total -	29	

All the available men were employed in oakum-picking (which is rendered as easy as possible by heating the junk upon a stove). By these means it is asserted that 8 lbs. a day are picked by prisoners sentenced to hard labour, and 6 lbs. a day by those sentenced to simple imprisonment. I looked in vain, however, for one prisoner to confirm the story. The rest of the men were mat-making, weaving matting and hearth-rugs, and whitewashing.

Six of the females were picking oakum, two were in the laundry, and two at needlework.

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

	Males.	Females.
Oakum picking - - -	9	6
Mat-making - - -	5	—
Weaving hearth-rugs - -	1	—
„ matting - -	1	—
Whitewashing - - -	1	—
Laundry - - -	—	2
Needlework - - -	—	2

The staff of the prison includes two male and one female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 170*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*

CORNWALL.

BODMIN COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Committed in the year - - -	590	158	748	9	109
Average daily number in custody -	77	26	103	1	3
Re-committals - - - - -	190	68	267	2	53

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 124
„ „ female „ „ „ - 35
„ „ debtors „ „ „ - 12

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - £3,689 5*s.* 4*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £33 11*s.* 11*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	87	4	17	1	109
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	94	12	23	—	129
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	147	19	50	3	219
„ 1 month, „ „ 2 months	100	10	17	5	132
„ 2 months, „ „ 3 „	33	3	11	4	51
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „	31	1	9	1	42
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	12	2	7	—	21
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years -	2	—	1	—	3
„ 2 years - - - -	—	—	—	—	—
Penal servitude of every duration -	6	—	—	—	6

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Excavating, gardening, stonebreaking, &c.	2	—	2	—	14 15 0	14 15 0
Hand corn mills	9	—	9	—	13 5 0	13 5 0
Carpentering	1	—	1	—	4 11 0	4 11 0
Blacksmithing	—	—	—	—	0 15 6	0 15 6
Shoemaking	1	—	1	—	9 17 6	9 17 6
Tailoring	1	—	1	—	6 0 0	6 0 0
Wood chopping	1	—	1	—	3 11 6	3 11 6
Painting	—	—	—	—	1 15 0	1 15 0
Brush and mat making	1	—	1	—	6 17 0	6 17 0
Oakum picking	32	—	32	60 17 11	—	60 17 11
Masoning	—	—	—	—	0 14 0	0 14 0
Needlework	—	8	7	—	41 1 4	41 1 4
Laundry and mangling	—	2	2	—	10 9 0	10 9 0
Washing	—	4	4	—	33 4 0	33 4 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	48	14	62	60 17 11	146 15 10	207 13 9

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary certified cells	141	59	200
Punishment cells certified	6	2	8
Reception cells	7	5	12
Yards for exercise	1	1	2
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	20	5	25
Day rooms	2	2	4
Yards for exercise	2	2	4

All the certified cells for criminals are warmed and ventilated, and all cells occupied by criminals except punishment cells are lighted with gas. All the cells are provided with bells. Criminal prisoners sleep in hammocks; the hours of rising and retiring to bed being 6 a.m. and 8.30 p.m. throughout the year.

Prisoners when in association are constantly under the supervision of as many officers as may be requisite.

DIET.

The greater part of the necessaries are supplied by contract; the average weekly cost of food per head being $2s.\ 4\frac{8}{13}d.$

Extra diet has been supplied by the surgeon's order to 29 prisoners on an aggregate of 830 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to PRISONERS in each Class at HARD LABOUR.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints	pints.
1st - - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
2nd - - -	10 8	8 12	—	—	14	14	—	—	1½	1½
3rd - - -	5 4	5 4	8	8	14	14	7 0	5 4	2	2
4th - - -	9 10	5 4	12	8	14	14	7 0	7 0	3	2
5th - - -	8 12	6 2	16	12	14	14	7 0	7 0	3	3

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class

Consists of the following: The hard-labour machine, one only being in use; hand corn-mills, three in number, worked singly; stone-breaking, though now rarely used, in consequence of an assault on a prison warder in 1865. No task is assigned, but continuous work is required. The treadmill is about to be introduced; 32 prisoners will work at once, excluding reliefs, divided by partitions, and always under the observation of an officer. The power will be used for grinding corn for the prison, and possibly for the lunatic asylum.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

Oakum picking, excavating, trades employment, washing, knitting, needlework, mangling, mat and brush making, &c. are in use, though not yet officially sanctioned.

The necessary service of the prison is performed by prisoners of good conduct who have completed the greater portion of long sentences. They are selected by the Governor, and sanctioned by the Visiting Justices. The prisoners work for 10 hours in summer and 8 in winter, and 9½ hours are allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The duties performed by the chaplain consist in daily morning prayers, two full services on Sunday, visitation of the male prisoners in the morning and females in the afternoon, and the debtors once a week, instruction of the criminal prisoners occasionally in classes, and the celebration of the Holy Communion once a month.

The schoolmaster instructs prisoners daily from 10 to 12,

and from 1.30 to 5.30. He also acts as clerk, and distributes books under the chaplain's directions.

The schoolmistress instructs prisoners from 1.30 to 4 p.m.

Both these officers are qualified and efficient.

There is a fair supply of books.

Where prisoners of religious denominations differing from the Established Church do not originate a request to be visited by a minister of their own communion the privilege is not offered them, but when they desire it the attendance of such ministers is permitted.

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison daily, and oftener, if necessary. The health of prisoners has been generally good. Several cases of diarrhœa occurred during the summer, but yielded to ordinary means.

The provisions are good and sufficient for health, but not excessive in quantity. The clothing and bedding are sufficient. The drainage is very deficient, the sewage both of the prison and the town being deposited in an open pool adjacent to the prison walls. Steps have been taken to abate the unwholesome nuisance.

One death has occurred from natural causes. Two prisoners have been pardoned on medical grounds. Five cases of lunacy have appeared amongst the prisoners. Four of these were removed to lunatic asylums; one afterwards returned to the prison and was acquitted. The fifth was acquitted and discharged without being removed to an asylum.

A shed for the treadmill and corn-mill attached have been built. The hours for schooling are not now, as formerly, deducted from those for hard labour.

Punishment has been inflicted 511 times on male and 18 times on female prisoners, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Whipping - - -	3	—	times.
Irons or handcuffs - -	4	—	„
Solitary or dark cells - -	9	4	„
Stoppages of diet - -	485	14	„
Other punishments - -	10	—	„
	511	18	„

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 21st August 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination	1	—
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	2	1
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	30	19
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to penal servitude	1	—
Acquitted on the ground of insanity and detained during Her Majesty's pleasure	—	1
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	6	3
„ the Vagrant Act	4	3
„ the Juvenile Offenders Act	—	1
„ the Game Laws	1	—
For assault	4	2
„ want of sureties	1	—
Others summarily convicted	12	2
Debtors from the superior courts	2	—
„ from the county courts	4	2
	68	34
Total	102	
Total on the same day last year	83	27
Total	110	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Hand corn-mills	9
Hard labour crank	1
Carpentering	1
Shoemaking and mending	2
Tailoring	1
Assisting cook	1
Cleaning prison and exercising	10
Gardening and excavating	3
Brush-making	1
Oakum picking	25
School	1
Sick in cells	1
Do. in hospital	2
Infirm	4
	62

Females.—Cleaning prison and exercising	-	6
School - - -	-	3
Oakum picking - -	-	7
Needlework - - -	-	8
Laundry - - -	-	2
Mangling - - -	-	2
Sick in cells - -	-	2
Not employed - -	-	2
		32

The prison staff includes 16 male and 4 female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 943*l.* 10*s.*

DENBIGHSHIRE.

COUNTY PRISON OF RUTHIN.

—	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	213	54	267	3	34
Average daily number in custody	37	9	46	—	—
Re-committals - - -	79	26	105	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 48
" " female " " - 13
" " debtors at any one time - - 4

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £1,183 4*s.* 2*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - £23 18*s.* 5*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	44	—	13	—	57
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	37	2	7	—	46
" 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month -	50	1	12	—	63
" 1 month " " 2 months	20	—	3	—	23
" 2 months " " 3 "	22	—	11	—	33
" 3 " " " 6 "	15	—	4	—	19
" 6 " " " 1 year -	8	—	2	—	10
" 1 year " " 2 years -	1	—	—	—	1
Penal servitude of every duration -	5	—	2	—	7

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	*Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Breaking stones	2	—	2	10 0 0		
Weaving coir matting and making mats and coir brushes	5	—	5	20 0 0		
Shoemaking	1	—	1	5 0 0	45 0 0	80 0 0
Washing	—	2	2	—		
Sewing	2	2	4	—		
Cooking	—	2	2	—		
Cleaning	3	2	5	—		
Treadmill	20	—	20	—		
Total Number employed at profitable Labour	33	8	41	35 0 0	45 0 0	80 0 0

* These figures are approximate only.

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For criminals,—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells not certified	20	4	24
Punishment cells not certified	2	—	2
Reception cells	1	1	2
Yards for exercise	4	1	5
For debtors,—			
Sleeping rooms or cells	2	1	3
Day rooms	1	—	1
Yards for exercise	1	—	1

One only of the cells for criminals is warmed and ventilated, and none are lighted or provided with bells. The prisoners sleep on beds, rising in summer at 6 a.m. and at daylight in winter, and retiring at 7 p.m. throughout the year.

When prisoners are in association an officer is present, but for a portion of the time only.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are not contracted for, and the average weekly cost of food per head (exclusive of extra diet) is 3*s*. Six prisoners have received extra allowance, by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 648 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints	pints	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2
2nd	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8
3rd	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10
4th	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6
5th	10 0	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 12

(*continued.*)

Class.	Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pints	pints	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
1st	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	12
2nd	—	—	—	—	2	2	24	18
3rd	2½	2½	—	—	3	3	8	6
4th	3	3	1	1	4	3	12	8
5th	3	3	2	2	4	3	12	8

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

As hard labour of the first class, prisoners work on the treadmill, and at stone breaking. The treadmill is constructed for 12 at one time, exclusive of reliefs. They are not separated by partitions, but are under the eye of an officer while at work and while resting. The power is used to raise water for the prison. At stone breaking the work required to be done is a cubic yard of limestone, or of hard blue stone three-fourths of a yard in eight hours.

As hard labour of the second class, prisoners work at matmaking, tailoring, shoemaking, and occasionally at oakum picking and calico weaving.

The service of the prison is also performed by prisoners selected by the governor, old offenders being excluded. The time apportioned to labour is 10 hours in summer and 9 in winter, and 11 hours in summer and 12 in winter are allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION

The chaplain visits the prison almost daily, performs divine service on Sunday, and preaches, and reads prayers on Wednesdays. The schoolmasters (who are the governor and chaplain,) give instruction daily and are competent officers. The prison is sufficiently supplied with religious books, and a

liberal supply of those of a secular nature will shortly be received.

A fund exists, arising from the prisoners labour, for their relief when discharged. From 30*l.* to 35*l.* are thus expended under the direction of the visiting justices.

Health.

The surgeon attends the prison as often as required, and when sent for. He examines every prisoner on admission, and visits them twice in the week. One prisoner has died from natural causes, and one has been removed to a lunatic asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted 181 times on male and 21 times on female prisoners, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Whipping	5	—	times.
Solitary or dark cells	28	8	
Stoppage of diet	148	13	

A new wing to contain 70 cells was commenced in November 1866, and it is promised that when completed the requirements of the Prison Act will be fully carried out.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 19th October 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination	1	—
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	6	1
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	12	4
„ sentenced to penal servitude	1	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	4	—
„ the Game Laws	1	—
For assault	3	—
Others summarily convicted	4	2
Debtors from the county courts	1	—
	33	7
Total	40	
Total on the same day last year	36	8
Total	44	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—On the treadmill	- - -	11
Breaking stones	- -	4
Shoemaking	- - -	3
Tailoring	- - -	1
Mat-making	- - -	3
In the infirmary	- - - -	2
At Wrexham under trial	-	4
Picking coir	- - -	3

Women.—Washing and cooking.

The prison staff includes two male and two female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 181*l.* per annum.

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EXETER.—COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	901	237	1,138	39	92
Average daily number in custody -	135	32	167	together 8.	
Re-committals - - -	266	71	337	2	1

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time -	156
" " female " " " -	39
" " debtors " " " -	18

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - -	£4,671 10*s.* 6*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - -	£26 8*s.* 0*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	186	9	52	2	249
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	158	9	47	—	214
" 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	175	15	50	3	243
" 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	127	7	34	1	169
" 2 and not exceeding 3 months -	60	2	11	1	74
" 3 and not exceeding 6 months -	46	—	16	—	62
" 6 months, and not exceeding 1 year	31	—	2	—	33
" 1 and not exceeding 2 years -	5	—	—	—	5
Penal Servitude of every duration -	18	—	3	—	21

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£ s. d.
Stonebreaking	50	—	50	—
Pumping water	48	—	48	—
Picking oakum	36	—	36	52 1 7
Tailoring	3	—	3	—
Shoemending	2	—	2	—
Whitewashing and painting	2	—	2	—
Laundry work	—	10	10	—
Sewing and picking oakum	—	24	24	—
Total number employed at profitable labour	141	34	175	52 1 7

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary certified cells	247	60	307
Punishment cells not certified	6	3	9
Reception cells	7	6	13
Yards for exercise	20	8	28
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	44	2	46
Day rooms	2	1	3
Yards for exercise	2	1	3

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and furnished with bells.

Convicted prisoners sleep on plank beds for the first six weeks. The hours for rising and retiring to rest are 6.30 a.m. and 9 p.m. respectively, throughout the year.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s*. Twenty prisoners have received extra food, by order of the surgeon on an aggregate of 355 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1 - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—
2 - -	8 12	7 14	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—
3 - -	7 0	5 4	8	8	2	2	3 8	3 8	2	2
4 - -	7 0	5 4	12	8	2	2	7 0	5 4	3	2
5 - -	8 12	7 0	16	12	2	2	5 4	3 8	3	

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the First Class.

The male prisoners, 12 at a time, work at a crank pump for raising water, and also at stone-breaking. No task is imposed, but constant work is enforced by the warder.

The services of the prison are performed by such well-conducted prisoners as are sentenced for long periods.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain, schoolmaster, and schoolmistress continue their duties as described in my last report. The two latter are well qualified and give satisfaction to the chaplain. The prison is well supplied with books. There is a refuge in Exeter to which a few of the younger women go on their discharge; and a small sum is given to all prisoners needing it, at the expense of the county, to help them towards their homes. "It is understood that prisoners of religious "denominations differing from the Established Church are "informed that they have the privilege of being visited by "their own minister."

HEALTH.

The surgeon attends daily, and visits the sick; once a week he inspects every prisoner. The health of the prisoners generally has been good. The provisions are of the best quality, and the dietary is found sufficient for maintaining health and strength.

The clothing and bedding are good and sufficient.

Six deaths have taken place during the year; viz., natural causes, 3; executions, 2; suicide, 1. One prisoner has been removed to a lunatic asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted 180 times on male, and 1 times on female prisoners: viz.—

	Males.	Females.	
Whipping - - -	1	—	times.
Solitary, or dark cells - -	155	11	
Stoppage of diet - -	24	—	
	180	11	
	191		

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 20th Aug 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	6	4
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - -	51	10
„ sentenced to penal servitude -	4	2
Convicted summarily:—		
Naval prisoners - - -	11	—
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	12	4
„ the Vagrant Act - -	16	4
For assault - - - -	5	1
„ want of sureties - - -	2	—
Others summarily convicted - -	32	4
Debtors from the superior courts - -	4	—
from the county courts - -	5	3
	148	32
Total - - -	180	
Total on the same day last year -	139	41
Total - -	180	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Breaking stones and picking oakum	50	
Pumping water and picking oakum -	48	
Picking oakum - - - -	18	
Tailoring - - - -	2	
Shoemending - - -	1	
Gardening - - - -	1	
Whitewashing - - -	1	
In kitchen - - - -	1	
Cleaning prison - - -	5	
		127

Not employed :—		
Sick	6	
Awaiting trial	6	
Debtors	9	
		21
		148
Females.—Laundry	9	
Sewing	7	
Picking oakum	5	
Cleaning prison	4	
		25
Not employed :—		
Awaiting trial	4	
Debtors	3	
		7
		32

It does not appear that any rules have yet been sanctioned by the Secretary of State under the Prisons' Act, 1865.

The staff of the prison includes 18 male and 5 female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 1,255*l.*

PLYMOUTH.—BOROUGH PRISON AT PLYMOUTH.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	238	96	334
Average daily number in custody	27	10	37
Re-committals	42	24	66

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 48
" " female " " " - 15

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - -	£1,059 1*s.* 7*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - -	£28 4*s.* 1*d.*

TABLE showing the number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	23	3	11	2	39
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	24	2	25	—	51
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	34	5	27	—	66
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	52	6	8	—	66
„ 2 and not exceeding 3 months -	18	—	4	1	23
„ 3 and not exceeding 6 months -	13	3	8	1	25
„ 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	6	—	1	—	7
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 years -	3	—	—	—	3
Penal Servitude of every duration -	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been Employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Oakum packing - -	15	3	18	25 15 1	—	25 15 1
Tailoring - - -	1	—	1	—	23 6 6	23 6 6
Shoemaking - - -	1	—	1	—	23 6 6	23 6 6
Gardening - - -	1	—	1	—	23 6 6	23 6 6
Whitewashing, &c. - -	1	—	1	—	23 6 6	23 6 6
Cooking - - -	1	—	1	—	18 5 0	18 5 0
Stoking - - -	1	—	1	—	18 5 0	18 5 0
Washing - - -	—	2	2	—	31 2 0	31 2 0
Sewing - - -	—	1	1	—	10 7 4	10 7 4
Knitting - - -	—	1	1	—	10 7 4	10 7 4
Total number employed at profitable labour -	21	7	28	25 15 1	181 12 8	207 7 9

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	44	23	67
Punishment cells certified -	2	2	4
Reception cells - - -	4	—	4
Yards for exercise - -	16	8	24

Sixty-seven of the cells are warmed and ventilated, 71 are lighted, and 75 are furnished with bells.

The prisoners sleep in beds, rising at 6 a.m. and retiring to rest at 8 p.m. throughout the year.

Plank beds have been supplied to almost all the prisoners, but are not yet in use.

When in association the prisoners are under the constant supervision of an officer.

Diet.

The necessaries for the prison are chiefly supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head bring 1*s.* 7¼*d.*

Five prisoners have received extra diet by order of the surgeon on an aggregate of 125 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	pts.	pts.
1st -	56	56	—	—	7	7	—	—	1	1	7	7
2nd -	56	56	—	—	7	7	1 8	1 8	4	4	7	7
3rd -	56	56	12	12	7	7	3 0	3 0	4	4	7	7

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

One hard labour machine is in use.

Nine hours are allotted to labour, and 10 hours are allowed for sleep. The subject is under the consideration of the magistrates, in consequence of the Prisons Act, 1865.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain performs full service, with a sermon, on Sunday morning, and reads prayers in the afternoon. A selection of prayers from the Prayer Book are read on four days in the week, and the Litany with an exposition on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Instruction is given to each prisoner on admission and discharge, and at least once a week in his cell.

The schoolmaster instructs the prisoners in classes, each class receiving 1½ hours teaching daily.

The matron instructs the female prisoners for a short period daily. Both officers have given satisfaction to the chaplain during the year.

The prison is well supplied with religious and secular books.

"Prisoners of religious denominations differing from the "Establishment have not been offered the privilege of "being visited by their own ministers of religion, nor has "any wish been expressed to that effect. All Dissenters "and Roman Catholics have regularly and voluntarily "attended the chapel service of the Prison."

Health.

The surgeon attends the prison daily (except on Sunday) and oftener when necessary. The general health of prisoners has been good. The dietary is sufficient, and not more than sufficient for maintaining the health and strength of prisoners at hard labour.

One prisoner has been pardoned on medical grounds, and one removed to a lunatic asylum. Punishment has been inflicted eight times on male prisoners, viz.:

	Males.	
Irons or hand cuffs - -	1	times.
Solitary or dark cells - -	3	
Stoppage of diet - - -	4	

The governor suggests that open forms should be substituted for the present stalls in the chapel, and that open circles would be preferable to the present yards for exercise, in both of which suggestions I entirely agree. The subject being under the consideration of the magistrates, several of the requirements of Schedule 1. of the Prisons Act have not yet been enforced.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 22nd August, 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	5	3
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	2	3
„ the Vagrant Act	—	1
For assault	3	—
	10	7
Total	17	
Total on the same day last year	37	14
Total	51	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Picking oakum	7
Packing ditto	1
Cleaning	1
Cooking	1
Females.—Picking oakum	3
Sewin	1
Washing	1
Cleaning prison	2

The staff of the prison includes five male and two female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 319*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*

DEVONPORT.—BOROUGH PRISON AT DEVONPORT.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	350	60	410
Average daily number in custody	41	8	49
Re-committals	32	20	5

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 32
„ „ female „ „ „ - 14

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £972 9*s.* 3*d*

Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £18 16*s.* 3*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	8	7	11	—	26
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	13	4	16	1	34
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	26	7	13	—	46
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 months	15	—	5	—	20
„ 2 and not exceeding 3 months	10	2	2	—	14
„ 3 and not exceeding 6 months	15	—	5	—	20
„ 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	4	—	1	—	5
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 years	1	—	—	—	1
Penal Servitude of every duration	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Oakum picking	15	4	19	23 0 0	—	23 0 0
Mat-making	3	—	3	17 5 6	—	17 5 6
Sack-making	2	—	2	10 10 1	—	10 10 1
Masons	2	—	2	—	31 4 0	31 4 0
Carpenter	1	—	1	—	23 8 0	23 8 0
Tailor	1	—	1	—	9 0 0	9 0 0
Shoemaker	1	—	1	—	9 0 0	9 0 0
Cleaning prison	1	—	1	—	—	—
Laundry	—	2	2	—	18 0 0	18 0 0
Repairing clothing	—	1	1	—	4 10 0	4 10 0
Cleaning prison	—	1	1	—	—	—
Total number employed at profitable labour	26	8	34	50 15 7	95 2 0	145 17 7

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified	59	20	79
Punishment cells „	2	2	4
Reception cells „	2	2	4
Yards for exercise	1	1	2

All the cells are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and provided with bells. The prisoners sleep in hammocks, and rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m. throughout the year. Prisoners when in association are under the supervision of a warder.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 1*s.* 6*d.* No extra diet has been found necessary.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd - -	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10	3	2½
4th - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th - -	10 0	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8	3	3

(*continued.*)

Class.	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - - -	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - - -	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - - -	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - - -	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the First Class.

The prisoners are employed in shot drill, the ground for which is adapted for 30 men; cranks, on which 14 can work at one time, are also in use, for beating rope, and raising water for the use of the prison.

Hard Labour of the Second Class.

This consists in oakum picking, mat-making, sack-making, and mechanical labour for the prison. The service of the prison is performed by discharged soldiers or seamen, selected by the governor.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain performs Divine Service twice on Sunday, and preaches a sermon. There is also daily service on week days. The prisoners are visited at least once a week, and the chaplain sees prisoners on admission and discharge, and visits the sick. The schoolmaster (a warder) and the matron give instruction to such prisoners as desire it. The prison is inadequately supplied with books. "Prisoners of "denominations differing from the Established Church are "not offered the privilege of being visited by their "own ministers; but have it granted to them on their "request."

Health.

The surgeon attends and examines the prisoners twice a week, or oftener if necessary. The health of the prisoners has been good. The provisions are good and sufficient, and, in the opinion of the surgeon, more than sufficient to maintain the health and strength of prisoners engaged in hard labour. The clothes and bedding are also good and sufficient.

One death from natural causes has occurred during the year.

Fourteen new cells, and four cells on the basement floor of the females' prison, are to be added to the prison for males.

The governor reports that shot drill is not found to be very effective as a punishment, prisoners frequently requesting to undergo it in preference to working in their cells. Each prisoner moves six shot in a minute, at six paces between each shot.

Punishment has been inflicted 27 times on male and three times on female prisoners during the year, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells	1	1	times.
Stoppage of diet	26	2	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 22nd August 1866:—

	Males.	Females.	
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	—	3	
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	7	2	
Convicted summarily:—			
Under the Criminal Justice Act	7	2	
„ the Vagrant Act	1	1	
Others summarily convicted	3	3	
Admiralty and military prisoners under sentences of courts-martial	14	—	
	32	11	
Total		43	
Total on the same day last year	50	8	
Total		58	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males:—	Shot drill	14
	Masons' work	2
	Gardening	3
	Rope-beating	1
	Sack-making	3
	Cooking	1
	Mat-making	1
	Picking oakum	4
	Cleaning prison	1
Females:—	Repairing clothing	1
	Picking oakum	8
	Cleaning prison	1

The prison staff includes four male and two female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 244*l.* 6*s.*

BARNSTAPLE.—BOROUGH PRISON AT BARNSTAPLE.

—	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	59	32	91	1 male
Average daily number in custody	5	3	8	—
Re-committals	15	14	29	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 10
" " female " " " - 4
" " debtors " " " 1

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison	£168 1*s.* 0*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	£18 2*s.* 5½*d.*

TABLE showing the number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	9	3	5	—	17
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	5	1	6	1	13
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	9	—	6	—	15
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	10	—	5	—	15
„ 2 and not exceeding 3 months -	6	—	5	—	11
„ 3 and not exceeding 6 months -	3	—	2	—	5
„ 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	2	—	—	—	2
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 years -	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been Employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Oakum and hair picking, knitting stockings for prisoners, making and mending prisoners' clothes, shoemaking, washing prisoners' clothes - - -	4	2½	6½	14 0 0	10 0 0	24 0 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	10	9	19
Punishment cells not certified -	6	6	12
Yards for exercise - -	1	1	2
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	1	—	1
Day rooms - - -	1	—	1

None of the cells in this prison are artificially warmed, lighted, or ventilated, nor are they furnished with bells. The prisoners sleep in beds, and rise at 6 a.m. from Lady Day to Michaelmas, and at 7 a.m. from Michaelmas to Lady Day.

The prisoners, when in association, are under the constant supervision of the governor.

Diet.

The bread is supplied by contract, and the average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 3*d.*

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Milk.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.
1s - - -	9 6	8 8	16	16	3½	3½
2nd, vagrants - -	10 8	9 4	—	—	3½	3½

(*continued.*)

Class.	Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Rice.		Rice.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
1st - - -	3 0	3 0	—	—	2	2	8	8
2nd, vagrants -	—	—	—	—	2	2	8	8

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the First Class.

One crank is in use constructed for one person at from 12 to 25 lbs. pressure.

The service of the prison is performed by prisoners selected by the governor and matron.

The prisoners labour until their task work and services are completed, and 12 hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The full service is performed on Sunday, and the same on Thursday, and the prisoners are visited by the chaplain on Saturdays, or oftener, if desirable. There is no schoolmaster or mistress, but the prison is well supplied with books. "Ministers of all denominations are permitted" to visit prisoners.

Health.

The surgeon attends the prison twice a week, or oftener, and inspects the prisoners. The health of the prisoners has been good. The provisions are considered just sufficient to maintain the health of the prisoners, and they are good in

quality. The clothing and bedding are sufficient. Punishment has been inflicted 23 times on male, and 3 times on female prisoners; viz.—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells - -	13	3	times.
Stoppage of diet - -	10	—	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 23rd Aug. 1866:

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	1	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - -	—	1
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Vagrant Act - - -	—	1
For want of sureties - - -	1	—
Others summarily convicted - -	3	—
	5	2
Total - -	7	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed a follows:—

Males.—Picking oakum and hair - -	5
Females.—Picking oakum - - -	1
„ Cleaning the prison - -	1

The only subordinate officer is the matron, who receives 10*l.* per annum.

TIVERTON BOROUGH PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year - -	37	11	48
Average daily number in custody - -	5	2	7

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time -	10
„ „ female „ „ „ -	4
Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - -	£252 19*s.* 8*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	£38 19*s.* 7*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	9	—	—	—	9
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	7	—	1	—	8
„ 14, „ „ 1 month -	12	1	2	—	15
„ 1 month, „ 2 months -	2	—	3	—	5
„ 2 months, „ 3 „ -	1	—	6	—	3
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ -	3	—	—	—	3
Penal Servitude of every duration -	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
Males.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Stonebreaking by hand -	2	1	3	1 13 3½	—	—
Females.						
Washing, making, and mending clothes, cleaning prison, and hair picking - -	—	—	—	—	20 0 0	21 13 3½

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	24	5	29
Punishment cells certified - -	1	1	2
Reception cells - - -	3	1	4
Yards for exercise - - -	10	1	11
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	4	—	—
Day rooms - - - -	1	—	—
Yards for exercise - -	1	—	—

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, and provided with bells, but none are artificially lighted. The prisoners sleep in hammocks and rise at 6 a.m., retiring to rest in summer at 9 and in winter at 8.

Diet.

Provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the weekly average cost of food per head being 3*s.* 6*d.* Extra diet has been allowed by order of the Surgeon to five prisoners on an aggregate of 169 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
2nd - -	7 0	7 0	8	8	14	14	2	2	3	3
3rd - -	10 8	10 8	12	12	14	14	4	4	3	3

Labour and Employment.

The prisoners are employed in stone-breaking. An able-bodied man is required to break ½ barrow per day. A mat making frame has recently been in use.

Hard labour of the 2nd class.

Consists in mat-making and hair picking.

The service of the prison is performed by female prisoners, who also make, repair, and wash the prisoners' clothing. Ten prisoners are allotted to labour in the summer, and 8 in winter, and the time allowed for sleep is 10 hours in winter and 9 in summer.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain performs three services during the week, and preaches on Sundays. The warder acts as schoolmaster, and performs the duties satisfactorily. There is a sufficient supply of religious books, but a deficiency of those of general information.

No society exists for the relief of discharged prisoners; but a small sum is occasionally given them, through the governor, on leaving the prison.

"Prisoners on entrance are told that they may have "their ministers if they dissent from Church doctrine."

Health.

The surgeon attends about three times a week, and when necessary. The prisoners have enjoyed good health. The provisions are of good quality and considered sufficient, and not more than sufficient to maintain the strength of prisoners at hard labour. The clothing and bedding are sufficient.

A new dietary, sanctioned by the Secretary of State, has been introduced.

Punishment has been inflicted 6 times on male prisoners, and once on a female, viz.:

	Males.	Females.	
Whipping - - -	1	—	} times.
Solitary or dark cells - -	4	1	
Stoppage of diet - -	1	—	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 15th Feb. 1867:—

	Males.
For re-examination - - -	1
Convicted summarily:—	
Under the Criminal Justice Act - -	2
For want of sureties - - -	1
	4

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Breaking stones 2.

The subordinate officers are a matron and warder whose united salaries amount to 41*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*

DORSETSHIRE.

DORCHESTER.—COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	585	121	706	8	25
Average daily number in custody -	87	16	103	—	—
Re-committals - - -	183	40	223	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 100
" " female " " " - 24
" " debtors at any one time - 6

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £2,603 7*s.* 8*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £25 5*s.* 6*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	89	4	23	—	116
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days -	102	3	23	1	129
" 14 days and not exceeding 1 month	170	11	32	1	214
" 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	84	6	9	—	99
" 2 and not exceeding 3 months -	47	2	15	—	64
" 3 and not exceeding 6 months -	33	—	10	—	43
" 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	15	—	4	—	19
" 1 and not exceeding 2 years -	4	—	—	—	4
Penal Servitude of every duration -	6	—	—	—	6

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Grinding corn - - -	50	—	50	75 15 2	—	75 15 2
Pumping water - - -	—	—	—	—	31 4 6	31 4 6
Bruising oats by hand mills -	2	—	2	10 1 6	—	10 1 6
Employed in the dry sewage manure shed - 6*d.*	1	—	1	32 8 0	—	32 8 0
	—	—	—	—	7 16 0	7 16 0
Making and repairing shoes -	1	—	1	—	7 16 0	7 16 0
Making and repairing prison clothes - - -	1	—	1	—	7 16 0	7 16 0
Employed in the mill - -	1	—	1	—	7 16 0	7 16 0
" in kitchen and bakehouse -	4	—	4	—	36 8 0	36 8 0
" at stone cracking -	3	—	3	3 9 6	—	3 9 6
Cleaning prison and wards -	10	2	12	—	54 12 0	54 12 0
Washing, mangling, ironing prisoners linen and bedding	—	6	6	—	46 16 0	46 16 0
Repairing, making prisoners' shirts, bedding, &c. - -	—	8	8	—	62 8 0	62 8 0
Total number employed at profitable labour -	73	16	89	121 14 2	262 12 6	384 6 8

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	144	30	174
Punishment cells not certified -	3	2	5
Reception cells - - -	7	2	9
Yards for exercise - - -	6	5	11
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	5	1	6
Day rooms - - - -	3	1	4
Yards for exercise - -	3	1	4

All the cells are ventilated, but are not warmed, lighted (except from the corridor), or provided with bells. The prisoners sleep on iron beadsteads, and rise at 6 a.m. from 1st March to 1st November, and at 6.30 during the remainder of the year. They retire at 7 p.m. throughout the year.

Supervision is exercised over the prisoners when in association, by an officer constantly present.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 2½*d.*

Extra diet has been allowed by order of the surgeon to three prisoners, on an aggregate of 81 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour, in reply to question 8.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2
2nd - - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8
3rd - - -	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10
4th - - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6
5th - - -	10 0	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8

(*continued.*)

Class.	Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pints.	pints.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - - -	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - - -	2¼	2¼	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - - -	3	3	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - - -	3	3	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

Labour and Employment.

The prisoners work on the treadmill, which is constructed for 40 at one time. The prisoners are separated by partitions, and officers are constantly present. The power is used for grinding corn for the prison and the public, and to supply water to the prison. Hand cranks are also in use, and grind barley, bruise oats, and crush beans. Stonebreaking is occasionally practised.

Hard Labour of the Second Class.

This consists of tailoring, shoemaking, the necessary services of the prison, and for females' laundry and needlework.

The services of the prison are performed by prisoners undergoing hard labour, who have completed three months of their term, selected by the governor for the approval of the visiting justices.

The prisoners are employed in labour for 8½ hours daily. In winter 11½ and in summer 11 hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

Daily prayers are read by the chaplain, followed by a short exposition, and full services are performed on Sundays and festivals. The chaplain sees prisoners on admission and discharge, visits the sick, and superintends the secular instruction and distribution of books. The schoolmaster gives instruction, after labour hours, for 2 hours in each ward once a week, and occasionally oftener. He distributes books, writes letters for those unable to write, and acts as clerk in the chapel. He is well qualified and efficient. The prison is well supplied with books.

There is a fund, under the control of the governor, for the relief of discharged prisoners.

"Prisoners of denominations differing from the Church "can always, on application, receive visits from their re- "spective ministers, and any minister wishing to see one of "his congregation, though not sent for, would be allowed "free access to him."

Health.

The surgeon attends daily and examines prisoners on admission, and visits the sick. Every prisoner is inspected once a week. The general health of the prisoners has been good. The provisions are of good quality, and considered

not more than sufficient for maintaining the health of the prisoners. The clothes and bedding are sufficient.

The cell doors of three wings which opened into the external air from the landings have been removed and now open upon the corridors.

Punishment has been inflicted 38 times on male and 6 times on female prisoners, viz. :

	M.	F.	
Solitary or dark cells	23	6	times
Stoppage of diet	15	—	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, August 27th 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	3	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	29	12
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	9	4
„ the Vagrant Act	13	3
„ the Juvenile Offenders' Act	2	—
„ the Game Laws	6	—
For assault	5	2
„ want of sureties	1	—
Others summarily convicted	17	2
Debtors from the superior courts	2	—
„ from the county courts	2	—
	89	23
Total	112	
Total on the same day last year	95	23
Total	118	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows :—

Males.—On the tread-wheels	54
Shoemaking	1
Tailoring	2
Hand labour mills	3
Stone cracking	4
Necessary services of the prison, &c.	13
Cooks and baker	4
Boy under 16 years, jobbing	1
Dry sewage shed	1
Assisting masons in the repairs of prison	1
Gardening	1

Females.—Making prisoners' shirts, clothing, other work, &c. for the prison -	14
In washing, laundry, and mangle cells - - - -	6
Necessary services, female prison -	3

The staff of the prison includes 15 male and 2 female subordinate officers, whose joint salaries amount to 861*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*

POOLE TOWN PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	31	10	46	1	4
Average daily number in custody -	3	1¼	4¼	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	4	2	6	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time -	7
„ „ female „ „ „ -	2
„ „ debtors at any one time -	2

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - -	£190 1*s.* 2*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - -	£43 17*s.* 2¼*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	18	3	7	—	28
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	3	1	1	—	5
„ 14, „ „ 1 month -	5	—	1	—	6
„ 1 month, „ 2 months -	3	—	—	—	3
„ 2 months, „ 3 „ -	2	—	—	—	2
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ -	1	—	—	—	1
„ 1 year „ 2 years -	—	—	1	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
Treadmill and picking oakum - - -	1¼	1	2¼	£ s. d. 1 5 0	£ s. d. 12 16 0	£ s. d. 14 1 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	7	2	9
Yards for exercise - -	1	1	2
For debtors,—			
Day rooms - - -	1	—	1
Yards for exercise - - -	1	—	1

None of the cells are warmed, ventilated, or lighted. They are furnished with bells.

The prisoners sleep in beds, and rise in summer at 5·45, and in winter at 6·30, retiring at sunset in summer, and at 6 p.m. in winter.

When prisoners are in association they are visited frequently by an officer.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 5*s.* 6*d.* Extra diet has been allowed by order of the surgeon to one prisoner on 26 days.

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WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Cheese.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.
1st - -	8 12	7 14	8	8	14	14	3 8	3 8	1	1	—	—
2nd - -	11 12	8 8	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	4	4	6	6
3rd - -	11 12	8 8	18	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	6	4	9	6

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The prisoners are employed at the treadmill, which is constructed for four at one time. They are under observation while at work and while resting, excepting in winter when they pick oakum in the day room on coming off the wheel.

The service of the prison is performed by prisoners selected by the governor without distinction of class. From 9 to 10 hours are allotted to labour, and about 10 hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

There is no chaplain, schoolmaster, or mistress. The rector of the parish attends gratuitously once a week, and prayers are read by the governor, daily, morning and evening. The prison is well supplied with books. Prisoners of denominations differing from the Establishment "can see different "ministers if they wish, but the privilege is not offered."

Health.

The surgeon attends and examines the prisoners two or three times weekly, or as often as necessary.

The general health of the prisoners has been good.

The provisions are good in quality, and found sufficient for health. The clothes and bedding are sufficient. One prisoner escaped during the year, but was speedily recaptured. Repairs have been made in the ward from which this escape took place with a view to prevent its recurrence.

Punishment by stoppage of diet has been inflicted on 10 occasions on male prisoners.

Prisoners on day of inspection:—

2 males.	1 female.

The only subordinate officer is the matron, who receives 15*l.* per annum.

ESSEX.

SPRINGFIELD.—COUNTY PRISON FOR ESSEX.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	1,152	150	1,302	20	48
Average daily number in custody -	216	21	237	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	366	39	405	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 244
" " female " " " - 32
" " debtors " " " - 10

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £5,537 0*s.* 10*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £22 5*s.* 3*d.*

TABLE showing the number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	83	11	20	2	116
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	108	—	16	1	129
" 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	373	21	46	3	443
" 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	229	9	26	2	266
" 2 and not exceeding 3 months -	91	2	15	—	108
" 3 and not exceeding 6 months -	90	4	3	—	107
" 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	55	1	14	—	60
" 1 and not exceeding 2 years -	12	—	—	—	12
Penal Servitude of every duration -	16	—	—	—	16
Sentenced to Reformatory Schools -	—	7	—	—	7

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treadwheel, grinding corn, &c., crank, and picking oakum	114	—	114			
Carpenters, 2; painter, 1	3	—	3			
Bricklayers and whitewashers	4	—	4			
Shoemakers	3	—	3			
Mat making and weaving	24	—	24	260 18 3	892 9 2	1,153 7 5
Tailors	3	—	3			
Blacksmiths	2	—	2			
Helping the miller and cook	3	—	3			
Needlework	—	5	5			
Washing	—	6	6			
Picking oakum	7	8	15			
Stoneyard	8	—	8			
Total number employed at profitable labour	171	19	190	—	—	—

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified	219	38	257
„ not certified	63	—	63
Punishment cells not certified	3	—	3
Reception cells	6	1	7
Yards for exercise	17	13	30
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	49	3	52
Day rooms	5	—	5
Yards for exercise	3	—	3

Two hundred and nineteen of the cells for males, and 38 of those for females, are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and provided with bells. The prisoners sleep in hammocks, and rise at 6 a.m., and retire at 9 p.m. throughout the year. During the time prisoners are in association an officer is present.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are in part supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s*.

Extra food has been supplied to 237 prisoners by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 3,708 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd - -	8 0	8 8	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd - -	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10	2½	2½
4th - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th - -	10 0	8 2	12	9	14	14	6 0	4 8	3	3

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Class.	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - - -	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - - -	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - - -	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - - -	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

The prisoners work at the treadmill and on cranks. The former is constructed for 41, and the latter for 46, prisoners, at one time. The prisoners are divided by partitions on the treadwheel, and are constantly under the observation of an officer. The power in both cases is applied to grinding corn and raising water.

Various kinds of industrial work are employed as hard labour of the second class.

For the necessary service of the prison prisoners are selected from the second class by the governor.

Ten hours per day are allotted to labour, and nine hours are allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain and schoolmaster perform the duties assigned to them by the Prisons Act, 1865, sects. 1, 44, 47, and 53, the time ordinarily occupied being from five to seven

hours. The schoolmaster is qualified and diligent, and the prison is well supplied with books.

The "Essex Society" for the relief of discharged female prisoners above 14 years of age is in operation.

During the last year five young women have been placed in institutions, one in the Lock Hospital, and two assisted with grants of money.

"A Roman Catholic priest regularly attends the prison to "give private religious advice. It would be both difficult "and inconvenient to obtain regular attendance of ministers "of other denominations for the few cases that occur."

Health.

The surgeon attends daily or oftener if required. He inspects the prisoners twice a week, and occasionally examines them while at labour. The general health of the prisoners has been good, but three cases of typhus fever terminated fatally in the early part of the year.

The provisions are of good quality, and in most cases sufficient. The clothing and bedding are sufficient.

Four deaths have occurred from natural causes, and three lunatics have been removed to an asylum.

One prisoner has escaped, and has not been re-captured. Six cells of the old building have been converted into a work-room, the infirmary divided into two wards, and 24 cranks worked in separate compartments have been added to the mill.

The shoemakers, mat-finishers, and oakum packers, to the number of about 12, now work in association.

The governor, in consequence of the want of a private entrance, does not (as required) visit the prison after 10 p.m.

Punishment has been inflicted 1,078 times on male and 8 times on female prisoners; viz.,—

	Males.	Females.	
Irons or handcuffs	5	5	times.
Solitary or dark cells	360	3	
Stoppage of diet	705	—	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 27th March 1867:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	4	1
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	100	6
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	34	7
„ the Vagrant Act	22	1
„ the Juvenile Offenders' Act	1	—
„ the Game Laws	7	—
For assault	17	2
„ want of sureties	2	—
Others summarily convicted	13	2
Military prisoners under sentence of court-martial	8	—
Deserters awaiting a route	3	—
Debtors from the superior courts	3	1
„ from the county courts	2	—
	216	20
Total	236	
Total on the same day last year	221	24
Total	245	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Treadwheel and crank, grinding corn	63
„ pumping water	33
Picking oakum	29
Tailoring	4
Mat-making	28
Cleaning the prison	8
Helping the miller	1
In the kitchen	2
Chopping wood, &c.	3
Painting 1, carpentering 2	3
Washing 1, garden 1	2
Bricklaying 4, smith's shop 3	7
Shoemaking	4
Total	187

Under punishment	2	29
Sick	10	
Deserters	3	
For trial	4	
Debtors	5	
Receptions	5	

Females :—Washing	- - - - -	6
Picking oakum	- - - -	5
Needlework 5, nursing 1	- - -	6
Total	- - -	17

The prison staff includes 27 male and 1 female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 1,639*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*

ILFORD COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	421	109	530	—	17
Average daily number in custody -	8	2	10	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	46	17	63	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time -	23
„ „ female „ „ „ -	7
„ „ debtors at any one time - -	3

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - -	£959 11*s.* 5*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit of prisoners' earnings - - - -	£51 19*s.* 6*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	137	25	51	9	222
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	152	7	12	2	173
14, „ „ 1 month -	70	19	33	1	123
„ 1 month „ 2 months -	5	2	1	—	8
„ 2 months „ 3 „ -	3	—	—	—	3
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ -	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Males.						
Painting wood and iron-work.	3	—	3	—	5 7 0	5 7 0
Repairing male clothing				—	7 6 0	7 6 0
Whitewashing cells				—	3 11 0	3 11 0
Sundry repairs				—	2 2 0	2 2 0
Females.						
Making clothing	—	1	1	—	0 16 11	0 16 11
Washing ditto				9 19 0	9 19 0	
Repairing ditto				—	3 17 2	3 17 2
Males.						
Picking oakum	4	—	4	4 9 3	—	4 9 3
Total number employed at profitable labour	7	1	8	4 9 3	32 19 1	37 8 4

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified	49	5	54
Punishment cells not certified	1	—	1
Reception cells	8	2	10
Yards for exercise	2	—	2
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	4	1	5
Day rooms	1	—	1
Yards for exercise	1	—	1

Fifty of the cells for criminals are warmed, 30 are lighted, and all are provided with bells, but none are artificially ventilated.

The prisoners sleep in beds, rising at 6 a.m. and retiring at 9 p.m. throughout the year.

During the period prisoners are in association an officer is always in attendance.

DIET.

Bread is supplied by contract, and the average weekly cost of food per head is 1*s.* 10¾*d.* Extra diet has been allowed by order of the surgeon to 19 prisoners on an aggregate of 151 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2
2nd	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8
3rd	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10
4th	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6
5th	10 0	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8

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Class.	Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pints.	pints.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd	2¼	2¼	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th	3	3	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th	3	3	2	2	4	3	12	12	—	—

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

Prisoners are employed in raising water by cranks, on which nine can work at once, and in beating oakum.

Hard labour of the 2nd class has been confined to picking oakum.

The services of the prison are performed by prisoners awaiting re-examination, and deserters awaiting a route. They are selected by the visiting justices, and prefer employment to confinement in their cells. Ten hours per day are allotted to labour, and 9 hours are allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain performs full services, with a sermon, on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, frequently followed by an exposition, and examines into the case of each prisoner. Some help is given to prisoners on discharge in special cases.

"Prisoners may always see their own ministers as the privilege is offered them."

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison three times a week, or oftener if required. The health of the prisoners has been very good. The provisions are found sufficient, and not more than sufficient to keep the prisoners in good health, and they are of good quality. The clothes and bedding are sufficient.

One death has occurred from natural causes.

Punishment has been inflicted 388 times on male prisoners by confinement in solitary or dark cells.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection :—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination - - -	5	—
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Vagrant Act - -	11	—
For assault - - - - -	1	—
Deserters awaiting a route - -	2	—
	19	—
Total - - -	19	
Total on the same day last year -	13	1
Total - - -	14	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows :

Males :—Being all sentenced for terms not exceeding 14 days, the prisoners are kept at oakum-picking in their cells under the 34th rule of the schedule.

The staff of the prison includes three male and one female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 174*l.*

COLCHESTER.—BOROUGH PRISON AND HOUSE OF DETENTION OF COLCHESTER.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year - -	60	13	73
Average daily number in custody - -	4	1	5
Re-committals - - - - -	20	2	22

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 16
" " female " " " - 5

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison £64 2*s.* 8*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - - £12 16*s.* 6*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Female.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	4	2	—	—	6
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	1	2	1	—	4
" 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	1	1	3	—	5
" 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	—	—	1	—	1
" 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	6	—	—	—	6

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	13	3	13
Yards for exercise - -	1	1	2

None of the cells are warmed, ventilated, or lighted. Five sleeping rooms and one day room are provided with bells.

The prisoners sleep in beds, rising at 7 a.m. througout the year, and retiring at 8 p.m in summer and 6 p.m. in winter.

When in association the prisoners are under the supervision of the gaoler or turnkey.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are not purchased by contract, and the average weekly cost of food per head is 4*s.* 11*d.*

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class.

Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
oz. 168	oz. 168	oz. 21	oz. 21	pints. 14	pints. 14	lbs. oz. 2 0	lbs. oz. 2 0	pints. 3	pints. 3

Labour and Employment.

No labour of any kind is performed by the prisoners in this prison, though they are occasionally employed in cleaning. Ten hours are allotted for sleep in winter, and 7 hours in summer.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, and preaches on Sunday.

The books in use are not modern publications, and a fresh supply is needed.

"Ministers of other religious denominations ask permission of the magistrates to visit."

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison frequently. The prisoners are in general healthy. The diet is found suitable and sufficient, and there is also an adequate supply of clothing and bedding.

No punishment has been inflicted during the year.

The prison staff includes 1 male and 1 female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 49*l.* 4*s.*

The governor states that no hard labour is performed, as all prisoners sentenced to labour are sent to the county prison at Springfield. Prisoners for trial are occupied in cleaning the prison.

FLINTSHIRE.

COUNTY PRISON OF FLINT.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	147	41	188	6	15
Average daily number in custody -	24	6	30	—	—
Re-committals - - - -	43	12	55	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 36
" " female " " " 11
" " debtors at any one time - 4

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - -	£1,046 8*s.* 10*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - -	£30 15*s.* 7*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	46	—	9	—	55
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	24	1	9	—	34
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month -	24	—	4	1	29
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months -	15	—	3	—	18
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ -	7	—	1	—	8
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ -	5	—	4	—	9
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	6	—	2	—	8
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years -	3	—	—	—	3
Penal servitude of every duration - -	3	—	—	—	3

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Breaking stones, picking oakum, cleaning the prison, &c. - -	20	—	20	61 9 1	80 2 1	141 11 2
Washing, mangling, sewing, picking oakum, and other labour - -	—	4	4			
Total number employed at profitable labour -	20	4	24			

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	16	3	19
Punishment cells not certified -	1	—	1
Yards for exercise - -	4	2	6
For debtors,—			
Day rooms - - -	2	—	2
Yards for exercise - -	2	—	2

The 16 cells for males are warmed, though not in a satisfactory manner, and the arrangement for warming the cells

for females is very bad. The ventilation throughout the prison is exceedingly defective. None of the cells are lighted, nor are they provided with bells.

In consequence of there being no sleeping cells for debtors, they are obliged to sleep in cells in common with the criminal prisoners, and female debtors are compelled to associate with the criminals by day.

Some of the criminal prisoners sleep on iron or wooden beds, some in hammocks, and some on the flags, rising in summer at 5.40 a.m. and retiring at 6.30 p.m.

The prisoners are not under constant supervision, as there are but two warders in the prison.

Provisions only are supplied by contract, and the average weekly cost per head has been 2*s.* 6*d.* Extra diet has been supplied to 39 prisoners by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 426 days. Of this number 30 received the addition in consequence of the prevalence of cholera in the neighbourhood.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.
1st - - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14
2nd - - -	10 8	10 8	—	—	14	14
3rd - - -	9 10	9 10	9	9	14	14
4th - - -	10 8	10 8	15	15	14	14

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Prisoners undergoing hard labour of the first class are engaged in stonebreaking, the task assigned being 15 cwt. in eight hours. As hard labour of the second class, the prisoners pick oakum, make mats by hand, and are employed in other similar occupations.

The service of the prison is performed in general by prisoners undergoing long sentences, who have served three months at hard labour of the first class. The selection is made by the governor, subject to the approval of the visiting justices.

The time allotted to labour is 10 hours in the summer and six in winter. In summer nine hours and in winter 14 hours are allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain visits the prison three times in the week, performs service on Sundays, with a sermon, and reads prayers

on Wednesdays and Fridays. There is no schoolmaster or schoolmistress, but the prison is well supplied with books. "The Roman Catholic minister is permitted to see prisoners "of that denomination whenever he pleases."

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison five times in the week, and examines the prisoners twice a week. Their health has generally been very good. The quality of the provisions is good, and the dietary is found to be sufficient for health, but is not excessive. Sufficient clothing and bedding are supplied to the prisoners. The drainage of the prison is not satisfactory.

No prisoner has escaped during the past year, though the temptations to do so are very great.

Punishment has been inflicted 101 times on male, and 74 times on female prisoners, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells - -	4	—	} times.
Stoppage of diet - -	97	74	

The governor reports that from the very defective nature of the arrangements of the building as a prison it has been impossible to carry out the provisions of the "Prisons' Act," and that a new prison for the county being about to be erected, it is not probable that any improvements will be made in the present building.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 17th October 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination - - -	1	—
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	4	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - -	9	3
„ sentenced to penal servitude	1	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	1	—
For assault - - - -	1	1
„ want of sureties - - -	2	—
Others summarily convicted - -	—	1
Debtors from the superior courts - -	1	—
	20	5
Total - -	25	
Total on the same day last year -	30	7
Total - -	37	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—	Shoemaking	1
	Assisting the cook	1
	Making mats	1
	Tailoring	1
	Cleaning the prison	2
	Picking oakum	5
Females.—	Washing	2
	Cleaning the prison	1
	Picking oakum	2

The staff of the prison includes two male and one female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 151*l.* 16*s.*

GLAMORGANSHIRE.

COUNTY PRISON OF CARDIFF.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	880	441	1,321	49	267
Average daily number in custody	112	35	147	—	—
Re-committals	257	215	472	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 147
" " female " " " 51
" " debtors at any one time 21

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison £3,772 4*s.* 10*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings £23 10*s.* 9*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	220	7	151	—	378
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days - -	125	—	68	—	193
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month -	150	4	100	2	256
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months -	97	2	17	—	116
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ -	100	—	11	—	111
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ -	36	—	10	—	46
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	19	—	16	—	35
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years -	1	—	2	—	3
„ 2 years - - - - -	2	—	1	—	3
Penal servitude of every duration - -	17	—	5	—	22

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mat making and weaving -	10	—	10	72 3 2	—	—
Picking oakum - -	40	12	52	70 1 0	—	—
Gardening - - -	8	—	8	169 17 5	—	312 1 7
Assisting cook and baker -	3	—	3	—	46 16 0	—
Assisting engineer - -	3	—	3	—	46 16 0	—
Shoemaking - - -	2	—	2	—	31 4 0	—
Tailoring - - -	1	—	1	—	15 12 0	—
Carpentering - - -	1	—	1	—	23 8 0	—
Mason's work and painting	1	—	1	—	15 12 0	—
Laundry and needlework -	—	12	12	—	52 0 0	231 8 0
Total number employed at profitable labour -	69	24	93	312 1 7	231 8 0	543 9 7

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals.			
Ordinary cells certified - -	107	48	155
Punishment cells certified - -	3	3	6
Reception cells - - -	6	4	10
Yards for exercise - -	2	1	3
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	27	3	30
Day rooms - - - -	3	1	4
Yards for exercise - - -	3	1	4

All the cells for criminals are warmed and ventilated, 116 cells for males and 61 for females are lighted with gas, and 116 for males and 51 for females are provided with bells. Hammocks are used for sleeping in 155 cells in the corridors, and iron bedsteads are in use in the remainder. The prisoners rise at six a.m. and retire at 8 p.m. throughout the year. During garden work, and whilst assisting the cook and engineer, the only occasions on which association takes place, such prisoners are under the constant supervision of the officer.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 1*s.* 4½*d.* Extra diet has been allowed to 39 prisoner's by order of the surgeonon an aggregate of 1,540 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - -	10 8	7 14	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd - - -	10 8	7 14	—	—	2	2	7 0	7 0
3rd - - -	10 8	10 8	9	9	2	2	4 0	4 0

Labour and Employment.

As hard labour of the 1st class prisoners work on the treadmill and weave cocoa matting in hand-looms. The treadmill is constructed for 11 men at one time, exclusive of reliefs, they are divided by partitions and under the observation of two officers. The power is applied to pumping water for flushing drains and closets.

As hard labour of the second class the prisoners are employed in gardening, mat making picking oakum, assisting the cook, baker, and engineer, cleaning, whitewashing and painting the prison, shoemaking, tailoring, and other necessary services.

The service of the prison is performed by misdemeanants and well conducted prisoners, who have served three months

imprisonment. They are selected by the governor under the sanction of the visiting justices.

Ten hours per day are allotted to labour, exclusive of meals, exercise, and Divine service, and the same time is allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers daily and visits the prisoners in their cells. Full services are performed on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday. There is no schoolmaster or mistress.

There is a society in existence for assisting prisoners on their discharge, the committee of which meets weekly, and employs a paid agent to find work for such cases as requires it.

"Any prisoner dissenting from the Established Church is "at liberty to see a minister of his own denomination. The "Romish Priest attends every Friday, and has interviews "with those who desire his ministration."

Health.

Every prisoner is seen by the surgeon once a week, and the sick are visited on alternate days. The general health of the prisoners has been good. The provisions are of good quality and the dietary is found sufficient. The clothing and bedding are ample. One death has taken place from natural causes and one lunatic has been removed to an asylum.

The rules in Schedule 1 of the Prisons Act have been observed with the exception that hard labour of the first class, has not been fully practised in consequence of the insufficiency of the treadwheel. Plans are on foot for remedying this.

During the year punishment has been inflicted 86 times on male and nine times on female prisoners, viz.

	Males.	Females.	
Irons or handcuffs (with short diet)	1	—	times.
Solitary or dark cells „ „	85	9	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection 25th October, 1866:

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination - - -	6	1
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	7	3
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - -	14	7
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	14	6
„ „ Vagrant Act- - -	—	6
For assault - - - -	12	3
„ want of sureties - - -	2	—
Others summarily convicted - -	29	8
Deserters awaiting a route - -	1	—
Debtors from the superior courts -	1	—
„ „ county courts - -	12	1
Total -	98	35
	133	
Total on the same day last year	104	29
	133	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males:—	Treadwheel -	15
	Weaving - - - -	4
	Matmaking - - - -	22
	Shoemaking- - - -	1
	Tailoring - - - -	1
	Carpentering - - - -	1
	Gardening - - - -	9
	Picking oakum - - -	15
	Teazing fibre and hair - -	2
	Assisting cook - - -	4
	Assisting engineer - - -	4
	Cleaning prison - - -	7
Females:—	Washing - - - -	8
	Sewing - - - -	5
	Knitting - - - -	1
	Picking oakum - - -	11
	Nursing children - - -	5
	Cleaning prison - - -	4

The staff of the prison includes 16 male and four female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 1,165*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*

SWANSEA COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year - -	615	304	919
Average daily number in custody - -	116	49	165
Re-committals - - - - -	159	155	314

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 162
" " female " " " - 62

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison £3,812 0*s.* 9*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - £21 19*s.* 0*d.*

TABLE showing the number of Persons sentenced to different periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	106	6	56	1	169
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	77	5	65	2	149
" 14 days, " 1 month -	92	7	64	8	171
" 1 month " 2 months -	60	1	13	1	75
" 2 " " 3 " -	112	3	22	—	137
" 3 " " 6 " -	45	—	27	—	72
" 6 " " 1 year -	8	—	14	—	22
" 1 year " 2 years -	22	—	3	—	25
Penal servitude of every duration -	10	—	3	—	13

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been Employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Stonebreaking - -	6	—	6	44 0 3	—	41 0 3
Oakum picking - -	83	28	111	118 5 8	—	118 5 8
Mat making - -	3	—	3	23 2 5	—	23 2 5
Brushmaking - -	1	—	1	4 1 0	—	4 1 0
Carpentry - -	1	—	1	—	31 2 0	31 2 0
Smith, tinker, and stokers	5	—	5	—	97 3 9	97 3 9
Masons, cleaners, &c. -	7	4	11	—	171 1 0	171 1 0
Tailors - - -	2	—	2	3 14 8	58 9 4	62 4 0
Shoemakers - -	2	—	2	—	62 4 0	62 4 0
Cooks - - -	3	—	3	—	46 13 0	46 13 0
Washerwomen - -	—	8	8	—	124 8 0	124 8 0
Knitting - - -	—	1	1	—	7 15 6	7 15 6
Sewing - - -	—	6	6	—	46 13 0	46 13 0
Total number employed at profitable labour -	113	47	160	190 4 0	645 9 7	835 13 7

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	140	45	185
„ not certified -	10	—	10
Punishment cells certified - -	3	3	6
Reception cells - - -	6	3	9
Yards for exercise - - -	3	2	5
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - - -	—	1	1
Day rooms - - - - -	—	1	1
Yards for exercise - - - -	—	1	1

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and provided with bells.

The prisoners sleep in hammocks, rising in summer at 6 and in winter at 7, and retiring at 8 p.m. throughout the year.

During the periods prisoners are in association they are under the constant supervision of warders.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 1*s.* 11½*d.* Extra diet has been allowed, by order of the surgeon, to 54 prisoners on an aggregate of 995 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.
1st - -	10 8	7 14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd - -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	7 0	7 0	—	—
3rd - -	10 8	7 14	9	9	14	14	7 0	7 0	3	3

Labour and Employment.

As hard labour of the first class the prisoners are employed in stone breaking in separate stalls, but the supply of stones being uncertain this kind of labour is not always

possible. Each prisoner is required to break one cubic yard of lime stone per day.

Amended rules for hard labour and employment are under consideration.

Prisoners are also employed in stone breaking as hard labour of the second class, mat making, oakum picking, and other industrial occupations.

The service of the prison is generally performed by misdemeanants undergoing short sentences. They are selected by the governor and matron. The time appointed for labour does not exceed 10 hours, and 8½ hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain performs two full services on Sunday, and one in Welsh on Friday, reads prayers daily, and holds Bible classes. He also visits the sick daily, and sees prisoners on admission and discharge. There is no schoolmaster or mistress, but there is a good supply of books.

"A Roman Catholic priest has been appointed, who "visits the prisoners of that persuasion at stated inter- "vals, when he has free access to each of such prisoners. "Dissenting ministers have also permission to visit prison- "ers of their several persuasions."

Health.

The surgeon sees each prisoner in the reception cells and visits each prisoner twice a week, and the sick daily if required. The health of the prisoners has in general been good. The provisions are of good quality, and are found sufficient at present, but an increased scale will be necessary when the treadmill is introduced as intended. This will be constructed for 64 prisoners. Looms for use in separate cells are also about to be introduced.

The clothing and bedding are sufficient.

One execution has taken place, two prisoners have died from natural causes, and one has been removed to a lunatic asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted 95 times on male, and 24 times on female prisoners, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Irons or handcuffs - - -	1	—	times.
Solitary or dark cells - - -	87	23	
Stoppage of diet - - -	7	1	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 24th October 1866:—

For re-examination	1	—
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	4	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	42	18
„ sentenced to penal servitude	—	2
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	8	11
„ the Vagrant Act	3	—
„ the Juvenile Offenders Act	3	—
„ the Game Laws	2	—
For assault	10	3
„ want of sureties	1	—
Others summarily convicted	6	14
	80	48
Total	128	
Total on the same day last year	114	46
Total	160	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males:—	
Stone breaking	23
Oakum picking	35
Mat making	5
Shoemaking	1
Cleaning, &c.	7
Assisting cook	3
Assisting engineer	3
Stoking	1
Carpentry	1
Females:—	
Oakum picking	20
Washing	8
Cleaning	7
Sewing	3
Liming	2
Nursing	4

The prison staff includes 14 male and five female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 880*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	1,141	265	1,406	22	89
Average daily number in custody -	171	36	207	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	311	52	363	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 200
" " female " " " 40
" " debtors " " 12

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - £5,290 2*s.* 6*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £25 11*s.* 1*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	141	19	56	3	219
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	189	56	57	3	305
" 14 days " 1 month -	221	18	39	2	280
" 1 month, " 2 months -	127	9	13	2	151
" 2 months, " 3 " -	73	1	7	2	83
" 3 " " 6 " -	61	3	9	1	74
" 6 " " 1 year -	41	—	7	—	48
" 1 year " 2 years -	19	—	4	—	23
Penal Servitude of every duration -	18	—	2	—	20

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Weaving, mat making, tailoring, shoemaking, picking oakum, &c.	66	—	66	279 13 10	69 2 10	348 16 8
Washing and ironing, and needlework	—	30	30	—	120 0 0	155 0 0
	—	—	—	—	35 0 0	
Total number employed at profitable labour	66	30	96	279 13 10	224 2 10	503 16 8

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified	170	44	214
„ not certified	85	15	100
Punishment cells certified	2	—	2
„ not certified	2	1	3
Reception cells	16	5	21
Yards for exercise { Radiating	32	16	48
Yards for exercise { Open yards	2	2	4
For debtors,—			
Sleeping rooms or cells	33	4	37
Day rooms	3	2	5
Yards for exercise	2	2	4

221 of the cells for male criminals, and 49 of those for females, are artifically warmed and ventilated. 239 of the former class of cells and 44 of the latter class are lighted, and 186 of the former class and 45 of the latter are fitted with bells.

The prisoners rise at ¼ before 6 in summer and an hour later in winter, retiring at 9 throughout the year. Some of them sleep on beds, some on iron bedsteads, and others in hammocks; plank beds are only used in the punishment cells. When in association prisoners are under the constant supervision of an officer.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 2*d.* Extra diet has been supplied by order of the surgeon to 72 prisoners

on an aggregate of 927 days, and to 17 infants (in addition to the above) on an aggregate of 349 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2
2nd - - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8
3rd - - -	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10
4th - - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6
5th - - -	10 0	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8

(*continued.*)

Class.	Soup.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pints.	pints.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - - - -	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - - - -	2¼	2¼	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - - - -	3	3	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - - - -	3	3	4	3	12	8	—	—

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The prisoners work first at the treadmill which is constructed for 40 at one time. They are divided by partitions and constantly under the observation of an officer. The power is applied to raising water for the use of the prison. Second at cranks; on which eight can work at once. The power is applied to the same purpose. Third, task labour on the loom, and in beating oakum.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

The male prisoners are employed in oakum picking, tailoring, shoemaking, mat making, basket making, sack making, modified labour on the loom, as the service of the prison.

The females do washing, laundry work, and needlework. The service of the prison is performed by well conducted prisoners undergoing hard labour of the second class, and approved by the visiting justices.

The time allotted to labour is 10 hours, and 8¾ hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and performs full Services on Sunday, and preaches. He visits the prisoners in their cells, and when sick, and holds Bible classes daily. The schoolmaster gives instruction in reading, writing, and arithmetic for four hours daily and on Saturday for two hours. He also acts as Chapel Clerk and Librarian. The schoolmistress gives instruction for two hours daily in reading and writing, and superintends the needlework. The schoolmaster who has held his office for 28 years does his work well, so far as it goes, but the chaplain does not consider him well qualified. The schoolmistress is competent to teach only the rudiments of reading and writing.

The chaplain is forming a library for the use of the prisoners to which additions are required.

There is a "Charity Fund" for the relief of prisoners on their discharge, derived from funded property bequeathed for the purpose, and producing about 200*l.* per annum. The chaplain dispenses this fund under the superintendence of the visiting justices.

"The names of all Roman Catholic prisoners are regularly "given on their entrance to the priest without any question-"ing whatever."

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison once or twice a day. The prisoners have in general enjoyed good health, but diarrhœa, typhoid fever, and influenza, were epidemic during the autumn of 1865 and spring of 1866. The provisions are of good quality, and the dietary sufficient, but prisoners at hard labour of the 1st class sometimes require more bread. The clothing and bedding are sufficient.

Five deaths from typhoid fever and one from consumption have occured; three prisoners have been pardoned on medical grounds, and one lunatic has been removed to an asylum.

The discipline of the prison has been brought into accordance with the Prisons' Act.

Punishment has been inflicted 164 times on male and twice on female prisoners, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells -	1	—	times.
Stoppage of diet - -	163	2	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, February 27th 1867:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	48	4
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	53	17
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	20	4
„ the Vagrant Act	4	1
„ the Juvenile Offenders' Act	8	2
„ the Game Laws	9	—
For assault	17	1
„ want of sureties	1	—
Others summarily convicted	10	3
Debtors from the superior courts	1	—
„ from the county courts	2	—
	173	32
Total	205	
Total on the same day last year	192	39
Total	231	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Mat-making and weaving		26
Shoemaking		3
Tailoring		4
Prison service		5
Oakum picking		27
Treadwheel		43
Unemployed:—Debtors	3	65
Untried	48	
Sick, &c.	14	
Total		173
Females.—Washing, ironing, mending, and making prison clothing, &c.		30
Unemployed		2
		32

The staff of the prison includes 27 male and six female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 1,665*l.* 10*s.* per annum.

BRISTOL.—CITY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	363	151	514	30	136
Average daily number in custody	82	32	114	2	3
Re-committals - - - -	113	51	164	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 109
" " female " " " 40
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - 12

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £3,687 10*s.* 9*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £30 5*s.* 1*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	7	—	5	—	12
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days -	17	6	8	1	32
" 14 days and not exceeding 1 month	79	7	42	1	129
" 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	76	6	41	3	126
" 2 and not exceeding 3 months -	55	—	34	1	90
" 3 and not exceeding 6 months -	30	—	6	—	36
" 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	24	—	7	—	31
" 1 and not exceeding 2 years -	3	—	—	—	3
Penal Servitude of every duration -	16	—	9	—	25

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cleaning, white liming, &c.	16	—	16	—	250 8 0	250 8 0
Tailoring	1	—	1	—	15 13 0	15 13 0
Shoemaking	1	—	1	—	15 13 0	15 13 0
Carpentering	1	—	1	—	15 13 0	15 13 0
Painting	1	—	1	—	15 13 0	15 13 0
Oakum packing	1	—	1	—	15 13 0	15 13 0
Labouring, erecting new labour yard	10	—	10	1,000 0 0	—	1,000 0 0
Profits on oakum picking	—	—	—	87 13 2	—	87 13 2
Washing, needlework, cleaning, &c.	—	25	25	—	293 8 9	293 8 9
Profits on treadmill labour, being the sum which would have been paid for a supply of water for the gaol if otherwise obtained	42	—	42	85 0 0		85 0 0
Labouring, erecting new stable, coachhouse, &c.	6	—	6	328 0 0	—	328 0 0
Baking	—	—	—	67 6 3	—	67 6 3
Total number employed at profitable labour	79	25	104	1,567 19 5	622 1 9	2,190 1 2

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals :—			
Ordinary cells not certified	148	42	190
Punishment cells not certified	3	1	4
Yards for exercise	3	11	14
For debtors :			
Sleeping cells or rooms	17	—	—
Day rooms	4	—	—
Yards for exercise	2	—	—

None of the cells are lighted. They are furnished with bells. The prisoners sleep in beds, rising at 6 a.m. in summer and at 6.30 in winter, and retiring at 7 p.m. in summer and at dusk in winter. Prisoners do not associate, and are effectually overlooked by officers.

Meat only is supplied by contract; other articles are purchased by direction of the visiting justices after due inquiry. The average cost per week for each prisoner is 2*s*. Extra diet has been allowed by order of the surgeon to 47 prisoners on an aggregate of 1,490 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd - -	9 7	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10	2½	2½
4th - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th - -	10 6	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8	3	3

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Class.	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs oz.
1st - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - - -	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - - -	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	--
4th - - -	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	--
5th - - -	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	--

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The prisoners are employed, 1st on the treadmill, which is constructed for 21, in separate compartments. They are at all times under the inspection of a warder. The power is applied to raise water for the prison. 2nd. At stonebreaking. No special task is required, but continuous work is enforced.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class

Consists of oakum picking, tailoring, shoemaking, carpentering, painting, cleaning, and gardening for the male prisoners, and washing, ironing, mangling, making and mending clothes, cleaning, and oakum picking, for the females.

The service of the prison is generally performed by prisoners who have undergone 3 months' imprisonment, and n default of these by strangers to the city, committed for light offences, and well conducted. The selection is made by the governor.

The time allotted to labour is 8½ hours in winter and 10 hours in summer, and 11 hours in summer and 12 hours in winter are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and performs full services on Sunday, visits the sick and a portion of the prisoners daily, and distributes books.

The schoolmaster and schoolmistress instruct the prisoners individually, and are generally employed the whole day. These officers give satisfaction.

There is a good supply of books,

Some of the more hopeful female prisoners are admitted into an asylum in Bristol with a view to being fitted for situations.

"Prisoners may be visited by ministers of their own denominations if they specially request it, but practically they very seldom indeed decline to attend the chapel services or to receive the visits of the chaplain, and so no arrangement is made for the visits of other ministers except upon request."

Health.

The surgeon sees all the prisoners daily, Sundays excepted. Their health for the last 12 months has been remarkably good.

The late surgeon was of opinion that the dietary was unsatisfactory both in quality and quantity. The present officer has not had time to form an opinion.

The clothing and bedding are sufficient, but there is no ventilation.

Three deaths from natural causes have taken place. One prisoner was removed to a lunatic asylum, but afterwards returned to the prison until the expiration of her sentence.

All prisoners, both before and after trial, are kept separate, but a few have been employed in association in the erection and fitting of a new labour yard, which has been completed at a cost of 500*l.*, but which, constructed by paid labour, would have cost 1,500*l.*

Punishment has been inflicted 93 times on male and 14 times on female prisoners, viz. :

	Males.	Females.	
Whipping - - -	1	—	times.
Irons or handcuffs - -	4	2	
Solitary or dark cells - -	4	—	
Stoppage of diet - -	84	12	

The prison staff includes 15 male and six female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 1,181*l.* per annum.

BRISTOL.—CITY BRIDEWELL.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year - -	819	320	1,139
Average daily number in custody - -	40	10	50
Re-committals - - - - - -	344	161	505

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 54
" " female " " " 14

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - £1,475 12*s.* 10*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - £29 1*s.* 8½*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	168	29	149	1	347
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	129	26	52	4	211
" 14, " " 1 month -	168	21	23	3	215
" 1 month, " 2 months -	50	3	14	—	67
" 2 months, " 3 " -	21	—	3	—	24
" 3 " " 6 " -	4	—	—	—	4

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Stone breaking, wheeling, &c. - - -	21	—	21	20 19 0	—	20 19 0
Picking oakum, &c. -	6	4	10			
Tailoring, shoemaking, painting, carpentering, and whitelimeing	3	—	3	—	98 2 6	—
Washing, ironing, making and repairing prison clothing -	—	4	4	—	46 19 0	145 1 6
Total number employed at profitable labour -	30	8	38	20 19 0	145 1 6	166 0 6

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	36	—	36
Do. not certified - -	18	25	43
Punishment cells not certified -	1	2	3
Yards for exercise - - - -	1	2	3

All the new cells are warmed, ventilated, and furnished with bells, but they are not lighted at night. The prisoners sleep in beds, rising in summer at 6 a.m. and retiring at 7 p.m., and in winter at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

When in association, prisoners are constantly attended by two or more warders.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are partly supplied by contract, and the average weekly cost of food per head is 1*s.* 11¾*d.*

Eighteen prisoners have received extra diet by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 190 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - -	7 14	6 9	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2
2nd - - -	7 14	6 9	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8
3rd - - -	9 7	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10
4th - - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 12	3 6
5th - - -	10 6	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8

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Class.	Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - - -	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - - -	2¼	2¼	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - - -	3	3	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - - -	3	3	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

Labour and Employment.

As hard labour of the first class, prisoners are employed in stone breaking, without a special task assigned.

As second class hard labour, the males are employed in carpentering, shoemaking, tailoring, painting, mason work, cleaning, and oakum picking; the females, in washing, ironing, sewing, cleaning, and oakum picking.

The service of the prison is performed as far as possible by those sentenced to imprisonment without hard labour. The selection is made by the governor.

The time allowed to labour is 8 hours in the summer and 7 in winter, and 11 hours in summer and 13 in the winter are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers and visits the prisoners daily, and performs two services and preaches on Sunday. There is no schoolmaster or schoolmistress, but the prison is well supplied with books.

"The prisoners are not offered the privilege of being "visited by their own ministers, but always allowed the "privilege by application."

Health.

The surgeon visits and examines the prisoners daily. Their general state has been healthy, but there was an outbreak of cholera in 1866. The provisions are of good quality, and the dietary found sufficient. The clothing and bedding are sufficient.

Two prisoners died in September 1866 from diarrhœa and cholera, and two lunatics have been placed in an asylum.

A prisoner named Richard Russell escaped on May 6, 1866, but was recaptured the same day.

Punishment has been inflicted eight times on male prisoners by stoppage of diet.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 28th February 1867:—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination	3	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Vagrant Act	6	3
„ Juvenile Offenders' Act	4	1
For assault	12	2
„ want of sureties	2	—
Others summarily convicted	6	—
	33	6
Total	39	
Total on the same day last year	29	8
Total	37	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Stone breaking	16
Pumping	1
Picking oakum	7
Tailoring	1
Cleaning the prison	5
Unemployed (for re-examination)	3
Total males	33
Females.—Sewing	4
Picking oakum	1
Cleaning the prison	1
Total females	6

Males.	Females.
33	6
Total	39

The prison staff includes four male and three female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 287*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* per annum.

HEREFORDSHIRE.

HEREFORD COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	304	61	365	6	18
Average daily number in custody -	64	6	70	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	67	11	78	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 70
" " female " " - 15
" " debtors at any one time - 3

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - - £1,747 7*s.* 7*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - £24 12*s.* 11*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		To
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	70	2	10	2	84
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	72	8	21	2	103
" 14, " " 1 month -	46	6	15	1	68
" 1 month " 2 months -	30	—	12	1	43
" 2 months " 3 " -	8	—	2	—	10
" 3 " " 6 " -	10	—	—	—	10
" 6 " " 1 year -	13	—	1	—	14
" 1 year " 2 years -	7	—	—	—	7
Penal Servitude of every duration -	3	—	—	—	3

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mat making, weaving, netting.	13	—	13	124 9 10	—	124 9 10
Carpenters, bricklayers, and painters.	6	—	6	—	*75 0 0	75 0 0
Mop and broom making	2	—	2	—	10 0 0	10 0 0
Tailoring and shoemaking.	2	—	2	—	40 0 0	40 0 0
Whitewashing - -	4	—	4	—	15 0 0	15 0 0
Washing, making, and mending linen.	—	6	6	—	50 0 0	50 0 0
Total number employed at profitable labour -	27	6	33	124 9 10	190 0 0	314 9 10

* 50*l.* of this sum is reckoned for painting the prison, which has been done throughout by prison labour.

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Females.	Males.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	80	22	102
„ not certified -	10	—	10
Punishment cells certified -	3	—	3
Reception cells - - -	4	—	4
Yards for exercise - - -	2	2	4
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	8	1	9
Day rooms - - - -	1	1	2
Yards for exercise - -	1	1	2

One hundred and nineteen of the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, and furnished with bells, and 104 are lighted at night.

Some of the prisoners sleep on beds, some on iron bedsteads, and others in hammocks. There are also 20 plank beds, upon which male prisoners of 16 years of age and upwards who have been previously convicted, and all male vagrants, sleep for the first 14 nights. They rise in summer at 5.30 a.m. and in winter at 6, retiring at 7 p.m. throughout the year.

No association takes place except in chapel, when prisoners are under the supervision of the governor and seven officers.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 6*d.*

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2
2nd	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8
3rd	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10
4th	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6
5th	10 0	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8

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Class.	Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pints.	pints.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd	2¼	2¼	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th	3	3	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th	3	3	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

The hard labour of the 1st class consists in pumping water by cranks, heavy hand loom weaving, and cutting and preparing oakum junk.

Forty male prisoners can work at the cranks at one time. After filling the tanks the prisoners continue to work the cranks as hard labour of the first class.

As 2d class hard labour the males are employed in mat-making and weaving, picking oakum, general and trade labour. The females in washing, cleaning, making and mending under clothes, and picking oakum and fibre.

The service of the prison is performed by convicted prisoners, promoted through good conduct to the highest labour class. They are selected by the governor.

Ten hours is the period allotted to labour, and 10½ hours in summer and 11 in winter are allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain reads prayers daily and performs full services on Sunday and preaches. He instructs the prisoners individually and in classes. The schoolmaster, who also acts as chapel clerk, attends for the whole of each day. The matron acts as schoolmistress. These officers are sufficiently

qualified, and give satisfaction. There is a good supply of books.

There is a small charitable fund at the disposal of the governor for the relief of prisoners on their discharge.

"Prisoners of religious denominations differing from the "Established Church are offered the privilege of being "visited by their own ministers, without originating a "request to that effect."

Health.

The surgeon attends daily, and inspects the prisoners weekly. He reports very favourably of the general health of the prisoners. The provisions are good and the dietary "amply sufficient."

The prisoners have increased in weight, and their general health has never been better.

Sufficient clothing and bedding are provided. One death from natural causes has occurred.

Gas has been introduced into the cells, and wash-hand basins, and waterclosets have been added to 24 cells of the A. division for convicted prisoners.

Punishment has been inflicted 51 times on male, and four times on female prisoners: viz.—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells - -	9	—	times.
Stoppage of diet - -	42	4	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 26th Feb. 1867:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	14	4
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - -	15	3
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	9	—
For assault - - - -	1	—
Others summarily convicted - -	7	1
	46	8
Total - -	54	
Total on the same day last year -	53	8
Total - -	61	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—At the crank-mill	14
Picking oakum and fibre, and making plait	19
Mat-making	6
Weaving and matting	2
Carpenter	1
Tailor	1
Assisting the cook	1
Unemployed—for trial	2
	46
Females.—Washing, 5, Cleaning, 3	8
	54

The prison staff includes 11 male and three female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 702*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*

HEREFORD.—CITY PRISON.

—	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors. Male & Female.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	128	83	211	9
Average daily number in custody	13	10	23	—
Re-committals	33	40	73	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 22
„ female „ „ „ 17
Greatest number of debtors at any one time 2

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison £631 11*s.* 3*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings £26 7*s.* 11*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	42	10	38	1	91
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days -	28	—	6	—	34
„ 14 days and not exceeding 1 month	17	—	11	—	28
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	11	1	7	—	19
„ 2 and not exceeding 3 months -	8	—	4	—	12
„ 3 and not exceeding 6 months -	4	—	8	—	12
„ 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	3	—	2	—	5
Penal Servitude of every duration -	1	—	1	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Stone breaking - - -	8	—	8	16 15 11	—	16 15 11
Mat making - - -	1	—	1	2 2 5	—	2 2 5
Laundry work, cooking, &c. -	—	10	10	Not estimated.		
Whitewashing, cleaning, &c. -	4	—	4			
Oakum picking - - -	Accounts not audited.					
Total number employed at profitable labour -	13	10	23	18 18 4	—	18 18 4

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells, certified -	16	8	24
Do. not certified - -	6	—	6
Punishment cells certified -	2	—	2
Reception cells - -	2	—	2
Yards for exercise - -	2	1	3
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms -	2	2	4
Day rooms - -	1	1	2
Yards for exercise - -	1	—	1

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and fitted with bells. The prisoners sleep in hammocks, rising at 6 a.m. and retiring at 7 p.m. throughout the year.

Prisoners when in association are under the supervision of an officer.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 5*d.* Seven prisoners have received extra diet during the year, on an aggregate of 238 days.

Labour and Employment.

The hard labour of the 1st class consists in stone breaking; one cubic yard is required to be done per day.

The prisoners work at oakum picking and matmaking, with laundry and needlework.

The service of the prison is performed by well-conducted prisoners sentenced for long terms. The selection is made by the governor. The prisoners are employed for 10 hours a day in labour, and 11 hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The duties of the chaplain consist in the performance of full services on Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, reading prayers twice weekly, and visiting the prisoners. There is neither schoolmaster nor schoolmistress, but the prison has a good supply of books. Assistance is occasionally given to prisoners on discharge from "Brydges' Fund." "All prisoners differing from the Established Church are allowed to see their own ministers."

Health.

Twice a week the surgeon inspects all the prisoners, and attends on other days to admit and discharge, and visit the sick. The prisoners have enjoyed good health. The quality of the provisions is good, and the dietary is found sufficient, as also the clothing and bedding of the prisoners.

One prisoner has been removed to a lunatic asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted seven times on male, and twice on female prisoners, viz.:

	Males.	Females.	
Stoppage of diet - - -	4	—	} times.
Solitary or dark cells - -	3	2	}

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 26th February 1867 :—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination - - -	1	—
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	2	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - -	6	7
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Vagrant Act - - -	1	3
For assault - - - -	1	—
	11	10
Total - -	21	
Total on the same day last year -	9	8
Total - -	17	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows :—

Males.—Oakum picking - - -	3
Stone-breaking - - -	3
Whitewashing - - -	2
Cleaning - - -	1
Females.—Cooking - - - -	1
Laundry work - - -	1
Sewing - - - -	3
Picking hair - - -	5

The recommendations made in my last report having been adopted, a police station is now being erected, and the cells formerly used in that department will be added to the prison. The additional stone sheds are nearly completed, and the open exercise yard will be formed as suggested.

The prison staff includes two male and one female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 128*l.* 12*s.*

HERTFORDSHIRE.

HERTFORD.—COUNTY PRISON OF HERTFORD.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	603	87	690	8	36
Average daily number in custody -	80	9	89	—	1
Re-committals - - -	237	27	264	1	8

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time					126
"	"	female	"	"	15
"	"	debtors	"	"	6

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison	£3,242	19*s.*	2*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	£34	17*s.*	2*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	43	12	17	—	72
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	12	—	4	—	16
" 14, " " 1 month	162	23	28	1	214
" 1 month, " 2 months	111	6	14	2	133
" 2 months, " 3 "	74	1	8	—	83
" 3 " " 6 "	42	2	4	—	48
" 6 " " 1 year	20	—	2	—	22
" 1 year, " 2 years	4	—	1	—	5
" 2 years	—	—	1	—	1
Penal Servitude of every duration	13	—	—	1	14

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Treadwheel, crank in sheds, forced marching, picking oakum, making mats, making and mending shoes and clothing, whitewashing, chopping junk and firewood, cooking and cleaning prison	83	9	92	35 18 7	23 9 11	59 8 6

Accommodation for prisoners :—

For criminals,—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells certified	145	19	164
Reception cells	7	—	7
Yards for exercise	7	1	8

For debtors,—	Males.	Females.	Total.
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	12	1	13
Day rooms - - -	1	—	1
Yards for exercise - -	2	1	3

The ordinary certified cells are used for punishment cells, and for reception cells for females. In the former case they can be darkened when necessary.

The 46 cells in the new ward are warmed by Haden's hot water apparatus, and ventilated by a furnace and flues. The other cells and rooms are warmed by fuel. All cells for criminals are lighted and furnished with bells.

The prisoners sleep on straw beds on plank or iron bedsteads. They rise at 6 in summer and at daybreak in winter, and retire at 10 throughout the year. Prisoners under punishment sleep on plank beds.

Constant supervision is exercised over the prisoners when out of their cells.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 5½*d.*

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Milk Porridge.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	pts.	pts.
1st - -	7 14	7 14	—	—	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd - -	8 12	7 14	—	—	7	7	—	—	—	—	7	7
3rd - -	8 12	7 14	6	6	7	7	4 0	4 0	2	2	7	7
4th - -	10 8	7 14	12	12	7	7	2 0	2 0	3	3	7	7
5th - -	8 12	7 14	16	12	7	7	7 0	5 0	3	3	7	7

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the First Class.

Includes 1, the treadmill, which is constructed for 36 prisoners at one time, who are divided by partitions, and always under the observation of the officer. The power is not used. 2. Pumping water by cranks, of which there are 22, in sheds separated by partitions. When water is not required, the cranks are used to inflict hard labour.

3. Forced marching round the yard. Twenty miles per day is the distance performed.

The prisoners are also employed in oakum picking, tailoring, shoemaking, washing, and mending clothes.

The service of the prison is performed by prisoners who have conducted themselves well during long terms of imprisonment. The selection is made by the governor, subject to the approval of the visiting justices.

The time appointed for labour is 11 hours per day in summer, and from daybreak in winter. Eight hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads a selection from the Prayer Book daily and performs full services on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday. He also visits the sick daily, and instructs the prisoners singly and in classes. The schoolmaster and schoolmistress instruct prisoners, selected by the chaplain, in reading, writing, and arithmetic, and perform their duties to his satisfaction.

The prison is well supplied with books.

The governor is authorized by the visiting justices to expend a sum not exceeding 10*l.* per annum, including a bequest of 12*s.* "to the poor prisoners," in assisting destitute prisoners on their discharge.

"Roman Catholic prisoners are informed on their reception that their names are added to a list of prisoners who are visited by a priest of their religion in accordance with the rule in each cell, viz., 'If any prisoner is of a 'religious persuasion differing from that of the Established 'Church, the visiting justices shall permit a minister of 'such persuasion, to be approved by them, to visit such 'prisoners at proper and reasonable times, unless such 'prisoner expressly objects to see such minister.'"

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison and examines the prisoners every day, and oftener when necessary. The health of the prisoners has been good, and no epidemic has visited the prison since the cholera in 1849.

The provisions are of good quality, and found to be sufficient, and not more than sufficient, to maintain the health of the prisoners, and well adapted to each class respectively, having stood the test of 20 years, during which no extra diet has been required. The clothing and bedding of the

prisoners are sufficient. One prisoner has been pardoned on medical grounds, and one lunatic has been removed to an asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted 310 times on male and 22 times on female prisoners, viz.:

	Male.	Female.	
Whipping	3	—	times.
Irons or handcuff	2	—	
Punishment cells or bread and water	69	7	
Stoppage of diet	236	15	

Extract from the Governor's Journal.

1866, June 30. As I stated in entry dated 24th June last year, "The exhausting effect of hard labour, as now enforced, is very visible, particularly upon men beyond the vigour of youth, and those of long sentences. The amount of labour on the treadwheel has been latterly increased about 15 per cent., and that, together with the discontinuance of the employment of well-behaved long sentenced men during the latter part of their time at handicraft work, has caused the hard labour to be felt more severely. There is wanted, I think, a graduated scale of first and second class hard labour, adapted to the various lengths of sentences and the physical power of the several prisoners. See Prisons' Act, 1865. part 1, section 19, sched. 1, section 34."

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 13th and 14th June 1866:—

	Males.	Females.	
For re-examination	2	—	
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	8	2	
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	24	3	
Convicted summarily:—			
Under the Criminal Justice Act	12	1	
„ the Vagrant Act	2	2	
„ the Game Laws	8	—	
For assault	10	—	
„ want of sureties	1	—	
Others summarily convicted	14	—	
Debtors from the superior courts	2	—	
„ from the county courts	1	—	
	84	8	
Total		92	
Total on the same day last year	92	10	
Total		102	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Marching at the rate of 20 miles in seven hours	15
On the treadmill and crank	46
Picking oakum	7

The cleaners are taken from the wheel and crank by the governor for an hour or two, generally from the longest sentenced men. Both the treadwheel and crank are unproductive. The water is pumped for the prison by a pump at which 2 men work, and which counts as "crank labour."

The prison staff includes nine male and two female subordinate officers.

ST. ALBAN'S.—LIBERTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	312	43	355
Average daily number in custody	44	4	48
Re-committals	71	11	82

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 62
" " female " " " 8

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison £1,542 5*s.* 7*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings £32 2*s.* 6¾*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	3	—	—	—	3
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	33	7	16	1	57
" 14, " 1 month	43	4	9	—	56
" 1 month " 2 months	90	3	8	1	102
" 2 months " 3 "	81	—	2	—	83
" 3 " " 6 "	30	—	2	—	32
" 6 " " 1 year	14	—	3	—	17
" 1 year " 2 years	3	—	1	—	4
Penal Servitude of every duration	—	—	1	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treadmill for raising spring water for the supply of the prison, picking oakum, and knitting stockings	44	4	48	Labour unproductive.	—	—

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	8	—	8
Sleeping rooms - -	8	3	11
Punishment cells not certified -	1	1	2
Reception cells - - -	2	1	3
Yards for exercise - -	2	1	3

None of the cells for criminals are warmed or ventilated, one only is lighted, and two furnished with bells. The prisoners sleep in beds, rising at 5 a.m. and 6.30 a.m., and retiring at 5.30 p.m. and 6 in summer, and in winter rising at 7 a.m. and retiring at 4 and 5 p.m. according to the light. When in association the prisoners are under the supervision of the warders.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are provided by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 6*d.* Extra diet has been received by 27 prisoners by order of the surgeon on an aggregate of 1,038 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1st - - -	112	112	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
2nd - - -	168	126	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1
3rd - - -	140	126	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2
4th - - -	168	126	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3
5th - - -	154	126	16	12	14	14	7 0	3 8	3	3

Labour and Employment.

As hard labour of the first class the prisoners work on the treadmill, which is constructed for 12 at one time. They are not divided by partitions but are always under the inspection of the officer. The power is applied to raising spring water for the prison use.

As hard labour of the first and second classes the prisoners are employed in picking oakum, knitting stockings, and repairing clothes and bedding.

The service of the prison is performed by well-conducted prisoners sentenced to short terms of imprisonment.

The time appointed for labour is according to the time of year, 4½, 6, 7, or 8 hours per day.

The average number of hours allowed for sleep is 12.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and performs two services and preaches on Sunday. He also sees each prisoner on admission and discharge, and at various times during imprisonment visits the sick and the school.

The first warder acts as schoolmaster to convicted male prisoners, and the matron teaches the females daily. Both officers are well qualified.

There is a fair library of religious and secular books.

A small gratuity is generally given to prisoners who have been but once convicted, and who have behaved well, on their discharge.

"The prisoners are visited by their own ministers only "by request."

Health.

The surgeon is required to visit the prison twice a week, but generally does so much oftener.

The general condition of the prisoners' health has been good. The quality of the provisions is good, and the dietary is sufficient, but not excessive.

Sufficient clothing and bedding are provided for the prisoners. The ventilation is defective owing to the peculiar construction of the building.

Two prisoners have died from natural causes, one has been pardoned on medical grounds, and one lunatic has been removed to an asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted 169 times on male and three times on female prisoners; viz.,—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells - -	37	1	times.
Stoppage of diet - - -	132	2	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 12th Nov. 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination - - -	1	—
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	3	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - - -	11	—
Acquitted on ground of insanity - -	1	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	8	—
„ the Vagrant Act - -	1	—
„ the Game Laws - -	1	—
For assault - - - -	4	—
„ want of sureties - - -	1	—
Others summarily convicted - -	1	2
	32	2
Total - - -	34	
Total on the same day last year - -	55	5
Total - - -	60	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Treadmill and oakum-picking - -	13
*Picking oakum only - - - -	3
Watching the insane man - -	2
Cleaning the prison - - -	2
Cooking - - - -	2
Shoemaker - - - -	1
Under punishment - - -	1
Females.—Needlework for the prison.	

The number of subordinate officers is five, of whom four are males. Their united annual salaries amount to 243*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*

*Excused by the surgeon from first-class labour.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

HUNTINGDON.—COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	168	29	197	6
Average daily number in custody	23	3	26	—
Re-committals	46	2	48	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 30
" " female " " " 8
" " debtors at any one time 2

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison £1,197 16*s.* 4*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings £46 1*s.* 3*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	19	6	6	—	31
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	38	—	9	—	47
" 14 days and not exceeding 1 month	15	2	1	1	19
" 1 and not exceeding 2 months	31	2	5	1	39
" 2 and not exceeding 3 months	11	—	1	—	12
" 3 and not exceeding 6 months	14	—	1	—	15
" 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	8	—	5	—	13
" 1 and not exceeding 2 years	9	—	1	—	10
Penal Servitude of every duration	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Tailors, joiners, white-washers, and shoemakers	2	—	2	—	28 18 9	28 18 9
Cooking	1	—	1	—	26 0 0	26 0 0
Cleaning	2	—	2	—	31 4 0	31 4 0
Washing and repairing linen	—	3	3	—	15 12 0	15 12 0
Mat making	6	—	6	62 7 0	—	62 7 0
Oakum picking	12	—	12	8 8 5	—	8 8 5
Total number employed at profitable labour	23	3	26	70 15 5	101 14 9	172 10 2

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified	60	—	60
„ not certified	26	2	28
Punishment cells certified	2	—	2
Reception cells	2	—	2
Yards for exercise	3	—	3
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	3	—	3
Day rooms	1	—	1
Yards for exercise	1	—	1

Sixty-two of the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated and lighted and 64 are furnished with bells.

The prisoners sleep in beds, rising at 5.45, and retiring at 9.40. Plank beds are however used by all convicted prisoners for the first four weeks and for the last six nights in each month of their imprisonment. No means are adopted for the supervision of prisoners while in association.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are provided by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 4¼*d.* Extra diet has been allowed to 19 prisoners on an aggregate of 783 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	14 0	14 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd - -	10 8	10 8	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
3rd - -	10 8	10 8	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	1	1
4th - -	10 8	10 8	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2
5th - -	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	6 8	5 8	2	2

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

As hard labour of the first class prisoners work on the treadmill which is constructed for 32 at one time, who are divided by wooden partitions, and under the observation of an officer. The power is applied to pumping water for the use of the prison.

The prisoners are also employed in oakum picking, mat-making and at their respective trades.

The service of the prison is performed by well conducted prisoners approaching the completion of their sentences and by such as may be exempted by the surgeon from Hard Labour of the 1st class.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain reads prayers and visits the prisoners daily, and performs full services on Sunday and preaches a sermon.

The schoolmaster attends every evening and discharges his duties efficiently. There is a fair supply of religious and secular books.

"Prisoners of religious denominations differing from the "established Church are not offered the privilege of being "visited by ministers of their own denomination without "originating a request to that effect."

HEALTH.

The surgeon visits the prison and examines the prisoners once a week, and daily when there are sick. The general health of the prisoners has been good. The dietary is sufficient but not excessive, and the provisions of good quality. Sufficient clothing and bedding are supplied to the prisoners.

One prisoner has been pardoned on medical grounds.

A new treadwheel has been erected and nine cells have been added for the separate confinement of females.

Punishment has been inflicted 54 times on males and 13 times on female prisoners, viz. :—

	Males.	Females.	
Whipping - - -	1	—	times.
Solitary or dark cells - -	4	2	
Stoppage of diet - -	21	3	
Other punishments - -	29	8	

Rule 34 in schedule, has not been complied with on account of the accommodation being incomplete.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 26th Dec. 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	1	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment -	14	3
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act - -	12	2
„ the Vagrant Act - -	1	—
„ the Game Laws - - -	6	—
For assault - - -	1	—
Others summarily convicted - -	5	—
	40	5
Total - - -	45	
Total on the same day last year -	24	—
Total - - -	24	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows :—

Males.—Treadmill - - -		23
Carpenter - - -		1
Cook - - - -		1
Mat-making - - -		4
Cleaning - - - -		1
Drawing plans of prison drains -		1
Packing oakum - - -		9
		40
Females.—Washing and repairing clothes &c. -		5

The prison staff includes five male and two female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 282*l.* per annum.

KENT.

MAIDSTONE.—COUNTY PRISON OF MAIDSTONE.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	2,106	728	2,834	98	308
Average daily number in custody -	346	93	439	8	15
Re-committals - - - - -	366	130	496	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 396
" " female " " " 112
" " debtors at any one time - 38

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - - £14,149 7*s* 8*d*.
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £23 0*s*. 2*d*.

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles under 17.	Adults.	Juveniles under 17.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	180	27	166	3	376
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	306	72	141	5	524
" 14 " " 1 month -	471	75	173	9	728
" 1 month, " 2 months -	258	23	94	4	379
" 2 months, " 3 " -	126	14	29	—	169
" 3 " " 6 " -	145	6	43	5	199
" 6 " " 1 year -	102	4	20	—	126
" 1 year, " 2 years, -	32	—	4	2	38
Penal Servitude of every duration -	31	1	2	—	34

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Making mats, matting, spinning, weaving, oakum picking, grinding corn, printing, carpentering, smith's work, tailoring, and shoemaking - - -	89	—	89	210 2 6	—	210 2 6
Shoemaking, tailoring, carpentering, smith's work, bricklaying, gardening, washing, laundry work, breaking stones, &c. - -	182	79	261	—	2,505 12 10	2,505 12 10
Total number employed at profitable labour -	271	79	350	210 2 6	2,505 12 10	2,715 15 4

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	—	116	116
„ not certified - -	397	—	397
Punishment cells certified -	5	—	5
„ not certified -	16	2	18
Reception cells - -	21	8	29
Yards for exercise - -	3	2	5
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms -	35	2	37
Day rooms - - -	2	—	2
Yards for exercise - - -	2	1	3

The 116 cells in the prison for females are warmed, ventilated, and lighted, and the sleeping cells both for males and females are provided with bells.

The prisoners sleep in hammocks. The hour for rising is for males 6 a.m., and that for retiring 6.30 p.m., and for females 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. respectively.

Plank beds are used by prisoners subject to fits, by women with infants, and in the reception cells.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are provided by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 0½*d.*

Extra diet has been received by order of the surgeon by 60 prisoners, on an aggregate of 3,939 days. Since the new dietary came into use extra diet has also been ordered for 153 prisoners on an aggregate of 5,242 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.
1st - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	1¼	1¼	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd - -	9 0	7 10	6	4	1¼	1¼	3 12	2 10	2½	2½
4th - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	1¼	1¼	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th -	10 0	8 2	8	6	1¼	1¼	6 0	4 8	3	3

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Class.	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - - -	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - - -	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - - -	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - - -	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The treadmill is constructed for 70 prisoners at one time exclusive of relief. They are divided by partitions, and are always under the observation of the officer. The power is used for grinding corn.

Shot drill is in use. The ground is adapted for 32 prisoners. Stonebreaking, beating rope and oakum, and pumping water are also practised. There is no task required at stonebreaking, but continuous work during daylight in winter, and from 6.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in summer is enforced.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

The prisoners are employed in field and spade labour, oakum picking, crushing stones, trade labour, gardening, washing, laundry work, and cleaning.

The prison service is performed by industrious and well conducted prisoners chosen by the visiting justices.

Ten hours per day are allotted to labour, and the males are allowed 11½ hours, and the females 10 hours, for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The office of assistant chaplain has been abolished, and the chaplain now performs all the duty. Prayers are read daily, and two services performed on Sunday, and extra ones in the hospital. The chaplain sees each prisoner before discharge, and during his imprisonment, on application. The duties occupy on an average five hours per day. The male and female prisoners now attend prayers together instead of in separate buildings as formerly.

The schoolmaster is occupied during the morning in testing the education of newly admitted prisoners, and attending to the library. He holds a class for boys on three afternoons weekly, and a meeting for practice of the female choir on two afternoons for 1½ hours.

The remaining 2 hours is devoted to the instruction of the men. He plays the harmonium in chapel.

The schoolmistress teaches the females in their cells. There is a sufficient supply of books.

A valuable society exists known as "The Kent Discharged Prisoners Society," which aids prisoners in various ways and obtains the admission of young females into "homes" with a view to their reformation.

"Prisoners who belong to the different sects are allowed "to receive visits from their respective ministers, and that, "as the chaplain believes, without the request having to "originate with themselves. Roman Catholics have the "attendance of a priest of their own communion."

Health.

The surgeon or his assistant attends twice daily to examine newly admitted prisoners, and to visit the hospitals. The surgeon also inspects the whole of the prisoners once a month. The health of the prisoners has been far from good. It is the opinion of the surgeon that the new dietary which has been in use since the 2nd July 186 is not sufficient for maintaining the health and strength of prisoners, especially of those engaged in hard labour. The quality of the provisions is good, and the bedding and clothing are sufficient.

Nine deaths have taken place from natural causes, and two prisoners have been executed. Two pardons have been granted on medical grounds, and seven prisonsers have been placed in lunatic asylums.

Punishment has been inflicted 2,406 times on males, and 83 times on females, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Whipping	11	—	times.
Irons or handcuffs	1	—	
Solitary or dark cells	820	83	
Stoppage of diet	1,574	—	

The prison staff includes 48 male and 10 female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 3,604*l.* 16*s.*

CANTERBURY.—COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	525	12	537	14
Removed to the prison, received from other governors.	5	—	5	—
Average daily number in custody	93	—	93	—
Re-committals	116	2	118	3

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 118
" " female " " " 7
" " debtors at any one time - 3

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £2,482 10*s.* 7*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - £25 9*s.* 10*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	40	2	3	1	46
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	83	1	—	—	84
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month -	159	9	—	—	168
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	104	1	—	—	105
„ 2 and not exceeding 3 months -	32	—	1	—	33
„ 3 and not exceeding 6 months -	30	1	—	—	31
„ 6 months, and not exceeding 1 year	15	—	—	—	15
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 years -	6	—	—	—	6
Penal Servitude of every duration - -	5	—	—	—	5

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treadwheel - -	—	—	—	—	—	—
Field labour - -	—	—	—	36 1 5	—	36 1 5
Picking oakum and occasionally cleaning the prison - -	89	—	89	75 9 2 picking oakum	—	75 9
Shoemaking and tailoring	2	—	2	—	62 12 0	62 12
Total number employed	91	—	91	111 10 7	62 12 0	174 2 7

All the prisoners do some portion of the profitable labour excepting about an average of two before trial who may refuse work.

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified -	128	—	128
„ not certified -	17	rooms 3	20
Punishment cells not certified -	4	1	5
Reception cells - - -	10	—	10
Yards for exercise - -	4	1	5
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms -	6	1	7
Day rooms - - -	1	—	1
Yards for exercise -	1	1	2

128 of the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and provided with bells.

Hammocks are used in 90 cells and beds in 56.

The prisoners rise at a quarter before 6 a.m. and retire at 8 p.m.

When in association the prisoners are constantly observed by warders.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are provided by contract, the weekly average cost of food per head being 2*s.* 4½*d.*

Extra diet has been ordered by the surgeon to 11 prisoners on an aggregate of 269 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	1¼	1¼	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd - -	9 0	7 10	6	4	1¼	1¼	3 12	2 10	2½	2½
4th - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	1¼	1¼	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th - -	10 0	8 2	8	6	1¼	1¼	6 0	4 8	3	3

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Class.	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - -	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - -	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - -	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - -	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The treadmill is constructed for 52 prisoners at one time, exclusive of reliefs. They are not separated on the wheel, but partitions are intended to be added and the sheds enlarged, closed in, and lighted with gas. The prisoners are always under observation. The power is applied to pumping water.

A single-handed crank pump is occasionally worked in connexion with the drainage.

Beating rope and oakum are also practised.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

The prisoners are employed in field and spade labour, oakum picking, trades, and gardening.

The service of the prison is performed by industrious and well-behaved prisoners who have performed three months hard labour of the 1st Class. The selection is made by the governor for the approval of the visiting justices.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and performs two services on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday. He visits each prisoner on admission and discharge, and at other times at his discretion.

The schoolmaster teaches reading, writing, and arithmetic for two hours every evening, Sunday excepted, and gives satisfaction to the chaplain. The prison is well supplied with books.

Though no society exists for the relief of prisoners on their discharge assistance is given by a society in London upon the application of two magistrates. During the past year two lads have been sent to sea by this means.

"The Roman Catholic priest visits the gaol regularly at such times as he sees fit."

HEALTH.

The surgeon attends daily, and oftener if necessary.

The condition of the prisoners' health has been good.

A new scale of dietary has been in use since July 1866, and is at present under trial. The surgeon considers that it certainly is not more than sufficient for maintaining the health and strength of prisoners, especially those at hard labour.

The provisions are of good quality, and the clothing and bedding are sufficient.

Two deaths have taken place from natural causes and one prisoner has been pardoned on medical grounds.

Punishment has been inflicted 181 times on male prisoners, viz.:—

Whipping - - - - -	2	times.
Solitary or dark cells - - -	179	

The discipline of the prison has been brought into accordance with the Prisons Act, 1865.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection:—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination	2	—
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	19	1
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	23	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	9	—
„ the Vagrant Act	4	—
For want of sureties	3	—
Others summarily convicted	28	—
Deserters awaiting a route	1	—
„ under sentence of courts-martial	6	—
	95	1
Total	96	
Total on the same day last year	92	7
Total	99	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males:—	Treadmill	50
	Beating rope and oakum	2
	Oakum picking (3 lbs. daily)	17
	„ (untried prisoners and others not sentenced to labour)	22
	Shoemaking	1
	Cleaning	2
	In punishment	1

The prison staff included on the 29th September 1866 11 male and one female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 714*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*

CANTERBURY CITY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.
Prisoners committed in the year	71	29	100	7
Average daily number in custody	7	14	21	—
Re-committals	26	5	31	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 11
„ „ female „ „ - 8
„ „ debtors at any one time - 2

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - -	£395 7*s.* 0*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - -	£35 16*s.* 0*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	12	—	3	—	15
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	7	—	4	—	11
„ 14, „ „ 1 month -	13	2	6	1	22
„ 1 month, „ 2 months. -	4	—	4	—	8
„ 2 months „ 3 months -	4	—	3	—	7
„ 3 „ „ 6 months -	4	—	1	—	5
„ 6 „ „ 1 year -	1	—	1	—	2
Penal servitude of every duration -	3	—	—	—	3

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.		
Males.				£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Tailoring - - -				1 6 0	1 6 0
Pumping water for the streets - - -					
Picking oakum - -	4	—			
Whitewashing - -					
Cleaning and cooking -			7		
Females.					
Picking oakum - -					
Washing - - -					
Sewing - - -	—	3			
Cleaning - - -					
Cooking - - -					
Total number employed at profitable labour -	4	3	7	1 6 0	1 6 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	11	2	13
Punishment cells not certified -	2	—	2
Yards for exercise - -	1	—	1
For debtors,—			
Day rooms - - - -	1	—	1
Yards for exercise - -	1	—	1

None of the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, or provided with bells. The exercise yard is used for both male and female criminals.

The debtors sleep in their day rooms.

The prisoners sleep in beds, and rise in summer at 6 a.m. and retire at 6 p.m. In winter they rise at daybreak and retire at dusk.

When in association, prisoners are under the supervision of an officer.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are partly supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 3*s.* 2¼*d.* Extra diet has been allowed by order of the surgeon to five prisoners on an aggregate of 183 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.
1st	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	5½	5½
2nd	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—		
3rd	8 12	7 14	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2		
4th	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3		
5th	7 14	7 14	16	16	14	14	7 0	8 8	3	3		

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the First Class.

Pumping water, for watering the streets, is the only kind of hard labour at which prisoners are employed.

Hard Labour of the Second Class.

The prisoners are engaged in tailoring, picking oakum, whitewashing, cleaning, cooking, washing, and sewing.

Those prisoners who perform the service of the prison are selected by the governor from the convicted prisoners, avoiding, if possible, the recommitted.

The period allowed for sleep varies from 12 hours in summer to 15 in winter.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers twice a week, and performs one service on Sundays.

The prison is well supplied with books.

The only fund for the relief of prisoners on their discharge is one of 3*l.* per annum, at the disposal of the chaplain, from which 11 prisoners have een assisted during the year.

"Every facility is given to prisoners for seeing the "ministers of their own denomination when they re- "quire it."

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison four or five times weekly, and oftener when necessary. The general health of the prisoners has been exceedingly good. The surgeon considers the diet sufficient, but not more than is required. The quality of the provisions has been good, and the clothing and bedding are sufficient.

Punishment has been inflicted six times on male prisoners, viz.:—

Solitary or dark cells - - -	3 times.
Stoppage of diet - - - -	3 „

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 4th October 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	1	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - -	—	1
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act - -	2	2
For want of sureties - - -	1	—
Others summarily convicted - -	1	—
	5	3
Total	8	
Total on the same day last year -	4	2
Total - - -	6	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Picking oakum and cleaning prison -	3
Females.—Cleaning, &c. - - - -	1
Sick - - - - -	2

The prison staff includes one male and one female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 65*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*

DOVER.—TOWN PRISON OF DOVER

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	266	62	328
Average daily number in custody	34	5	39
Re-committals	68	25	93

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 38
" " female " " " 9

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison £951 19*s.* 11*d.*

Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings £24 8*s.* 0*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	76	6	25	1	108
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	59	2	10	1	72
" 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	49	6	17	—	72
" 1 month, " " 2 months	30	1	3	—	34
" 2 months, " " 3 "	16	—	3	—	19
" 3 " " " 6 "	13	—	2	—	15
" 6 " " " 1 year	8	—	—	—	8

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	
				£ *s.* *d.*
Picking oakum	10	—	10	28 2 0
Mending clothes	1	1	2	—
Washing and cleaning	4	3	7	—
Shoemaking	1	—	1	—
Total number employed at profitable labour	16	4	20	—

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	4	3	7
Punishment cells certified -	2	—	2
,, not certified -	3	—	3
Reception cells - - -	1	—	1
Yards for exercise - -	4	3	7

Seven of the cells are warmed and ventilated, and 18 night cells are provided with bells, but none are lighted at night.

The prisoners sleep in beds, and rise at 6 a.m., and retire at 8 p.m. in summer, and at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the winter.

No means are employed for keeping constant supervision over the prisoners when in association.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are provided by contract, and the weekly cost of food per head averages 2*s.* 2¼*d.*

Three prisoners have received extra diet by order of the surgeon on an aggregate of 20 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	7 14	6 9	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd - -	7 14	6 9	—	—	1¼	1¼	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd - -	8 14	4 14	9	6	1¼	1¼	3 12	2 10	2¼	2¼
4th - -	9 0	5 0	12	9	1¼	1¼	5 8	3 6	3	3
5th - -	9 2	5 2	12	9	1¼	1¼	6 0	4 8	3	3

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Class.	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - -	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - -	—	—	3	3	1·8	1·2	—	—
4th - -	1	1	4	3	2·4	1·8	—	—
5th - -	2	2	4	3	2·4	1·8	—	—

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

Six hard labour machines are in use.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

Consists in oakum picking and mat-making.

The prison service is performed by well-conducted convicted prisoners selected by the visiting justices. Nine hours in summer and 8 in winter are devoted to labour, and 10 hours in summer and 12 in winter are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers twice a week, and performs one service on Sundays and the greater holidays, and visits such prisoners whether sick or otherwise who desire to see him. The present supply of books is scarcely sufficient.

"Prisoners not members of the Church may see without "let or hindrance the minister connected with their denomi- "nation. In cases of a special kind there may be reason to "believe that the prisoner would prefer the visits of his own "minister the offer would be made independently of any "request from the prisoner himself."

Health.

The surgeon attends daily and sees every prisoner twice a week.

The diet is considered good and sufficient. The prisoners have enough clothing, but more covering on the beds is required.

Two lunatics have been placed in asylums.

Punishment has been inflicted 20 times on male, and nine times on female prisoners, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells - - -	16	7	times.
Stoppage of diet - - -	4	2	

The governor reports that he has been unable to carry out the provisions of the Prison Act for the following reasons:—

1. Inadequate accommodation for the separate confinement of prisoners.

2. Insufficiency of cranks or other means of enforcing hard labour of the 1st class.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 3d October 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination - - -	1	—
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	7	1
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - -	11	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	8	3
„ the Vagrant Act - - -	15	—
For assault - - - - -	5	1
„ want of sureties - - -	3	—
	50	5
Total - -	55	
Total on the same day last year - -	46	11
Total - -	57	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:

Males.—Hard labour cranks - -	6
Cooking - - - -	1
Cleaner - - - -	1
Shoemaking - - -	2
Splitting wood - - -	2
The rest oakum picking.	
Females.—Needlework - - -	3
Picking coir - - -	1

The prison staff includes three male and one female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 189*l.*

SANDWICH.—TOWN PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year -	155	35	190
Average daily number in custody -	17	5	22
Re-committals - - - - -	35	33	68

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 26
„ „ female „ „ „ 7

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - -	£595 10*s.* 0*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - -	£25 4*s.* 7*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	20	2	3	—	25
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	17	7	12	—	36
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	46	7	7	2	62
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	22	5	4	—	31
„ 2 and not exceeding 3 months -	19	4	6	—	29
„ 3 and not exceeding 6 months -	6	—	5	—	11
Penal Servitude of every duration - -	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
Picking oakum, matmaking	—	—	—	£ *s.* *d.* 38 7 2	£ *s.* *d.* —	£ *s.* *d.* 38 7 2
Making and mending prison clothes, shoes, &c.	12	—	12	—	12 10 0	12 10 0
Females wash, make, and mend shirts, stockings, and female clothing -	—	5	5	—	—	—
Total number employed at profitable labour -	12	5	17	38 7 2	12 10 0	50 17 2

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	14	4	18
Reception cells - - -	1	—	1
Yards for exercise - - -	3	1	4

None of the cells are warmed, lighted, or ventilated. They are provided with bells.

The prisoners sleep in beds, rising at 6 a.m. in summer

and at daylight in winter, and retiring at 6 p.m. throughout the year.

Constant supervision is not exercised over the prisoners when in association.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 2*d.* Extra diet has been allowed to two prisoners by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 110 days.

The weekly amount of food supplied to prisoners is that authorized by the official dietary of 1850.

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The treadmill is in use and is constructed for eight prisoners at one time. The prisoners are not divided by partitions on the wheel, nor are they always under the supervision of an officer.

As hard labour of the 2nd Class, the prisoners pick oakum.

The service of the prison is performed by prisoners selected by the governor.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The late chaplain having been suspended by the Bishop for immoral conduct, the duties are undertaken for the present by the curate of St. Clements' Sandwich, who performs service on Sundays.

There is an adequate supply of books.

No society exists for the relief of discharged prisoners, but the Governor is empowered to advance small sums for the purpose when required.

"Upon request prisoners have the privilege of being "visited by ministers of their own denomination."

Health.

The surgeon attends two or three times a week as a rule, and as often as may be necessary. The general health of the prisoners is reported as uniformly good. The surgeon considers the dietary is sufficient and the same remark applies to the clothing and bedding.

Punishment has been inflicted by stoppage of diet 50 times on male and twice on female prisoners.

The small size of the prison prevents compliance with several of the rules of the Prisons Act.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 3rd Oct. 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	3	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	—	1
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	5	2
„ the Vagrant Act	1	—
„ the Juvenile Offenders' Act	1	—
For want of Sureties	1	—
Others summarily convicted	15	—
	26	3
Total	29	
Total on the same day last year	21	6
Total	27	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Treadmill - - - - 9
Picking oakum (3 lbs. daily) - 15
Females.—Washing, mending, and cleaning.

The prison staff includes one male and one female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 72*l.*

There is no schoolmaster or schoolmistress, but the supply of religious and other books is sufficient.

MERIONETHSHIRE.

DOLGELLY.—COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court
Prisoners committed in the year	110	16	126	2	4
Average daily number in custody	14	3	17	—	—
Re-committals	15	—	15	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 29
" " female " " " - 6
" " debtors at any one time - - 3

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - £616 3*s.* 7*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £36 0*s.* 4½*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	20	1	4	—	25
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	15	—	—	—	15
" 14 days " " 1 month -	26	—	2	—	28
" 1 month " " 2 months -	16	—	1	—	17
" 2 months " " 3 " -	8	—	5	—	13
" 3 " " " 6 " -	8	—	3	—	11
" 6 " " " 1 year -	3	—	—	—	3
" 1 year " " 2 years -	2	—	1	—	3

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Stone breaking - -	4	—	4	12 6 1	—	12 6 1
Oakum picking - -	5	—	5	14 1 0	—	14 1 0
Mat making - -	2	—	2	7 0 1½	—	7 0 1½
Making and repairing prison clothing.	1	2	3	—	5 0 0	5 0 0
Washing and ironing prison clothing.	—	1	1	—	4 9 8	4 9 8
Scouring and cleaning the gaol, and assisting in cooking, &c.	2	—	2	—	10 10 0	10 10 0
Total number employed at profitable labour -	14	3	17	33 7 2½	19 19 8	53 6 10½

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	12	—	12
Do „ not certified -	6	1	7
Punishment cells certified -	1	—	1
Yards for exercise - -	2	1	3
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	1	—	1
Day rooms - - -	1	—	1
Yards for exercise - -	1	—	1

Twelve of the cells for criminals are warmed, lighted, and ventilated, and 17 are fitted with bells.

The prisoners sleep in beds, rising at 6 a.m. in summer and 7 in winter, and retiring at 8 p.m. throughout the year.

When in association prisoners are under the supervision of officers.

A portion only of the necessaries is supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 3*s.* 6*d.* Extra diet has been supplied to seven prisoners, by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 422 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	—
2nd - - - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8
3rd - - - -	9 0	7 14	6	4	14	14	4 0	2 10
4th - - - -	10 14	7 14	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6
5th - - - -	11 0	8 0	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8

(*continued.*)

Class.	Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - - - -	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - - - -	2¼	2¼	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - - - -	3	3	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - - - -	3	3	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

Labour and Employment.

The only hard labour of the first class in use is stone-breaking. No definite task is required to be done.

As hard labour of the second class the prisoners work at oakum picking and matmaking.

The service of the prison is also performed by well conducted prisoners of the second class, selected by the governor. Eight hours is the period allotted to labour, and 10 hours are allowed for sleep in the summer, and 11 in winter.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain performs one service and preaches on Sundays, and visits the prison during the week.

The schoolmaster, who is well qualified and gives satisfaction, attends twice a week, for an hour each time.

The prison is not well supplied with books, but they will shortly be procured.

The chaplain having been recently appointed cannot state whether prisoners of religious denominations differing from the Established Church are offered the privilege of being visited by their own ministers without originating a request to that effect.

Health.

The surgeon attends twice a week, and oftener if necessary. The prisoners have in general enjoyed good health. The provisions are considered sufficient, and the clothing and bedding satisfactory, but the ventilation is indifferent.

One prisoner has been pardoned on medical grounds.

The present construction of the building will not allow the separation of untried from convicted prisoners.

Punishment has been inflicted 20 times on male prisoners, viz.:—

Whipping	1	times.
Irons or handcuffs	6	
Solitary or dark cells	4	
Stoppage of diet	9	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 15th June 1867:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	3	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Sentenced to hard labour	13	1
Debtor from the county courts	1	—
	17	1
Total	18	
Total on the same day last year	20	6
Total	26	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Stone breaking	6
Painting the house	1
Mat making	2
Cleaning and cooking	1
Picking oakum	5
Female.—Washing and ironing. (She has a child aged four months.)	

The staff of the prison includes three male and one female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 156*l.* 17*s.* per annum.

MIDDLESEX.

COUNTY PRISON AT COLDBATH FIELDS.

	Males only.
Criminal prisoners,—	
Prisoners committed in the year	9,842
Average daily number in custody	1,630
Re-committals	3,323
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	1,800
Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison	£44,746 1*s.* 1*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	£26 10*s.* 10*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the year.

Length of Sentences.	Males. Adult and Juvenile.
Not exceeding 7 days	2,054
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	286
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	1,916
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 months	2,013
„ 2 and not exceeding 3 months	834
„ 3 and not exceeding 6 months	1,269
„ 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	625
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 years	656
Penal servitude of every duration	189

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.	Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Oakum picking	462	955 3 9	—	955 3 9
Matmaking	5	6 5 0	—	6 5 0
Shoemaking and tailoring	140	519 0 0	2,417 8 6	2,936 8 6
Painters, bricklayers, carpenters, &c.	78	—	1,487 14 6	1,487 14 6
Washing and needlework	50	—	900 0 0	900 0 0
Treadwheel, grinding corn	650	—	453 4 0	453 4 0
Cleaners	200	—	—	—
Total number employed at profitable labour	*1,585	1,480 8 9	5,258 7 0	6,738 15 9

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For criminals,—	Males.
Ordinary cells certified	713
Do. not certified	914
Punishment cells certified	20
Reception cells	8
Yards for exercise	17

713 of the cells for criminals are warmed and ventilated, and 723 are lighted and furnished with bells.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and are locked up at 6 p.m. In lighted cells they go to bed at 9. A portion of them sleep in beds, and others in hammocks.

Plank beds are used in the punishment cells and by prisoners sentenced to hard labour for terms not exceeding 14 days. When in association prisoners are constantly under the observation of officers.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food being 2*s.* per head. Extra diet has been allowed to 1,975 prisoners by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 48,806 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.	Meat.	Gruel.	Potatoes.	Soup.	Cocoa.
	lbs. oz.	oz.	pints.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1st - - -	8 12	16	7	3 8	3	7
2nd - - -	8 12	8	13¼	1 0	2	—
3rd - - -	8 12	—	17¼	—	—	—

Labour and Employment.

As hard labour of the 1st class the prisoners work on the treadmill, which is constructed for 342 at one time. They are divided by partitions, and also under the observation of an officer while at work and while resting. The power is applied to grinding wheat.

As hard labour of the 2nd class the prisoners are employed in oakum picking, shoemaking, tailoring, washing, needlework, brushmaking, printing, bookbinding, matmaking, carpentry, as blacksmiths, and at other trades and as labourers and cleaners.

The service of the prison is performed by prisoners with good conduct stars, and by those who have been confined in the prison but once previously. The selection is made by the governor for the sanction of the visiting justices. The prisoners are employed in labour for from 7 to 10 hours daily, and 8½ hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

Prayers are read daily in both chapels by the two chaplains of the prison, and full services are performed on Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, with sermons at each service. The chaplains celebrate the Holy Communion once a month, visit the infirmary and prisoners under punishment daily, and see each prisoner on admission, and afterwards as frequently as possible. There are two schoolmasters, each of whom takes six classes, and the prison is sufficiently supplied with books of all kinds.

The Discharged Prisoners' Relief Committee (founded under the auspices of the Reformatory and Refuge Union),

employ an agent to find work on their release for such prisoners as the visiting justices think proper to assist, under the provisions of the Act 25 & 26 Vict. c. 44.

A lay agent is also employed within the prison in investigating cases for such assistance, who also acts as a Scripture reader, under the direction of the chaplain.

"Prisoners who are not of the Church of England are allowed, on application, to receive the visits of ministers of their respective denominations. All Roman Catholics are seen by the visiting Roman Catholic priest unless they object."

Health.

The surgeon attends at the prison twice daily, from 10 to 12 a.m. at least, but generally for nearly three hours, and from 9 to 10 p.m. He also attends at whatever hour of the night or day he may be sent for. He examines each prisoner on admission and discharge, and inspects all the prisoners once in each week. The general state of the health of the prisoners has been good, and much fewer deaths have occurred than during the two preceding years, though many prisoners have been admitted in a bad state of health. A few cases of fever have appeared, and one fatal case of cholera occurred three days after admission.

The surgeon considers the diet barely sufficient, but the quality of the provisions is excellent.

The clothing and bedding are sufficient.

Twenty-six prisoners have died from natural causes, three have been pardoned on medical grounds, and one lunatic has been removed to an asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted 11,321 times during the year, viz. :—

Whipping	29	times.
Irons or handcuffs	1	
Solitary or dark cells	131	
Stoppage of diet	11,160	

Two new wings, containing 387 cells certified for separate confinement, have been occupied, and dormitories are now only used for prisoners under the care of the surgeon or in the reception yard.

The discipline has been brought into conformity with the Prisons' Act, and the treadwheel accommodation increased so as to employ 684 prisoners daily.

The prison staff includes 148 subordinate male officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 11,372*l.* 12*s.*

COUNTY PRISON FOR FEMALES AT WESTMINSTER.

Criminal prisoners :—

	Females only.
Prisoners committed in the year	5,380
Average daily number in custody	659
Re-committals	3,074

Greatest number of female criminals at any one time 770

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison	£13,349 2*s.* 8*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	£19 14*s.* 0*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Adults.	Juveniles.	Total.
Not exceeding 7 days	2,117	39	2,156
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	930	34	964
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	710	20	730
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months	450	23	473
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „	282	20	302
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „	453	19	472
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year	138	3	141
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years	70	—	70
Penal servitude of every duration	72	—	72

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.	Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
		£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Oakum picking	385	465 18 0	—	465 18 0
Needlework, knitting, &c.	178	99 15 7	490 3 1	589 18 8
Washing, &c.	20	—	250 0 0	250 0 0
Limewhiting	6	—	90 0 0	90 0 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	589	565 13 7	830 3 1	1,395 16 8

Accommodation for prisoners :—

For criminals,—	
Ordinary cells, certified - - -	543
Ditto not certified - - -	93
Punishment cells, certified - - -	9
Reception cells - - - -	30
Yards for exercise - - - -	11

The 543 certified cells are warmed and ventilated, and all the remaining cells are being altered for this purpose. All the certified cells are lighted and provided with bells. The prisoners sleep in hammocks, rising at 6.30 a.m. and retiring at 8 p.m. throughout the year. No association takes place unless one or more officers are present.

Diet.

Provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 1*s.* 8*d.*

Extra diet has been received, by order of the surgeon, by 938 prisoners on an aggregate of 8,821 days. Women employed in the laundry have the additions recommended in the dietary proposed by the Secretary of State, 18th May 1864.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.	Gruel.	Potatoes.	Soup.	Treacle in Gruel.	Cheese.	Suet Pudding.	Indian Meal Pudding.
	lbs. oz.	pints.	lbs. oz.	pints.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.
1st -	6 10	—	1 2	—	—	—	—	0 12
2nd -	6 10	7	1 8	—	—	1	—	1 2
3rd -	7 10	14	2 10	2½	—	2	18	—
4th -	7 10	14	3 6	3	1	2	24	—
5th -	8 2	14	4 8	3	2	2	24	—

Labour and Employment.

Female criminals only being confined in this prison there is no hard labour of the 1st class.

The prisoners are employed in oakum picking, mat-making, washing, needlework, &c., and the service of the prison. For the latter well-conducted prisoners are selected by the matron. Ten hours are allotted to labour daily, and the same period for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain and schoolmistress continue to discharge the duties described in my last Report. The latter is well qualified and gives satisfaction.

There is a society connected with the county, and supported by voluntary contributions, called "The Society for promoting the Employment and Reformation of Discharged Criminals," under the auspices of which 130 females discharged from the prison during the past year have been received into those reformatory institutions which are assisted by the society, while others have been provided for as circumstances required.

"All the Roman Catholic prisoners are seen by a priest, "approved of by the visiting justices, without originating "a request to that effect. The prisoners of other denomi- "nations differing from the Established Church have every "facility afforded them for seeing a minister of their own "persuasion."

Health.

The surgeon visits and examines the prisoners daily.

Their condition has been healthy during the year. The surgeon considers that some modifications are required to render the dietary sufficient to maintain the health and strength of the prisoners under his charge. The quality of the provisions is good, and the clothing and bedding of the prisoners sufficient.

Twelve deaths from natural causes have taken place; two lunatics have been removed to asylums, and one discharged in care of friends.

Punishment has been incurred 2,872 times, viz.:—

Solitary or dark cells - - -	124	times.
Stoppage of diet - - -	2,748	„

Alterations are in progress for converting the large dormitories into separate cells.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 15th April 1867:—

Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - - - -	360
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to penal servitude - - - - -	29
Convicted summarily:—	
Under the Criminal Justice Act - -	122
„ the Vagrant Act - - -	30
„ the Juvenile Offenders Act - -	7
For assault - - - - -	24
Others summarily convicted - -	45
	617
Total on the same day last year -	635

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Females—	Picking oakum	344
	Needlework	48
	Straw-platting	7
	Bonnet-making	1
	Knitting	73
	In the laundry	25
	Cutting junk	14
	Cooking	6
	Cleaning	48
	Whitewashing	12
	In the infirmary	13
	Under medical observation	26
		617

The prison staff includes 11 male and 48 female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 4,257*l.*

CLERKENWELL.—COUNTY HOUSE OF DETENTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	6,392	2,274	8,666
Average daily number in custody	179	70	249
Re-committals	1,480	570	2,050

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 257
" " female " " " 109

Total ordinary expenditure for the prison £7,488 11*s.* 8*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings £30 1*s.* 6*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	11	1	—	—	12
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	6	—	2	—	8
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	6	—	3	—	9
„ 1 and not exceeding 2 months -	12	—	30	—	42
„ 2 and not exceeding 3 months -	72	—	46	—	118
„ 3 and not exceeding 6 months -	126	1	34	—	161
„ 6 months, and not exceeding 1 year	4	—	1	—	5

NOTE.—The remainder of the Prisoners being for trial or remanded had not received sentences.

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Repairing prison, cleaning and repairing the prison	46	35	81	Nil.	130 0 0	130 0 0
Total number employed at profitable labour -	46	35	81	Nil.	130 0 0	130 0 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	191	97	288
Punishment cells certified -	3	2	5
Reception cells - - -	19	10	29
Yards for exercise - - -	3	2	5

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and provided with bells with the exception of the reception cells which are not warmed.

The prisoners sleep in hammocks, rising at 6.50 a.m., and are shut up at 6 p.m. throughout the year.

The prisoners, when in association, which only takes place at exercise and in chapel, and occasionally in the dormitory, are under the supervision of an officer.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 1*s.* 10*d.* Extra diet has been allowed by order of the surgeon to 216 prisoners on an aggregate of 1,541 days.

Labour and Employment.

The prisoners being untried are not subject to hard labour. They however perform the necessary services of the prison, the selection being made by the governor or chief warder.

Six hours daily are allotted to labour and 12¾ hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, performs full services on Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, and visits the prisoners. There is neither schoolmaster nor schoolmistress, but the prison is well supplied with books.

"Only Roman Catholic prisoners are offered the privilege "of being visited by their own ministers without solicita- "tion. Prisoners of other denominations must originate a "request to that effect."

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison twice daily, and examines each prisoner on admission. The health of the prisoners has been good. The provisions are of good quality and sufficient, and well suited to the class of prisoners. The clothing and bedding are sufficient.

One prisoner has committed suicide, being of unsound mind; one has died from natural causes, and one lunatic has been removed to an asylum.

One prisoner made his escape but was recaptured the same day.

Punishment, by stoppage of diet, has been inflicted 783 times on males and 74 times on females.

The deputy governor is non-resident which, considering the great responsibility attached to the charge of 10,000 prisoners, upwards of which numbers have been committed during the past year, seems to be inexpedient.

The prison staff includes 19 male and 12 female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 2,415*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.*

NEWGATE.—GAOL OF THE CITY OF LONDON.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year - - -	1,670	311	1,981
Average daily number in custody - - -	84	17	101
Re-committals - - - - - - - -	527	64	591

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 129
" " female " " " 28

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £5,592 5*s.* 2*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - £55 1*s.* 6*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.	Females.	Total all Adults.
All convicted prisoners sentenced to imprisonment are removed elsewhere immediately on conviction. Those under penal servitude remain until removed by order of the Secretary of State.			
Penal servitude of every duration - -	262	18	280

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Oakum picking - - - -	29 6 0	—	—
Painting, whitewashing, and other work for the prison - - - -	—	70 0 0	96 6 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	133	60	193
Punishment cells certified - -	6	2	8
Reception cells - -	10	9	19
Yards for exercise - -	4	1	5

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and provided with bells.

The prisoners sleep in hammocks, rising at 6 a.m., and retiring at 8 p.m. throughout the year. Plank beds are used in the punishment cells.

Diet.

The necessaries are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 8*d.*

Extra diet has not been received by any prisoners but those sick, suckling, and condemned to death.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1st 2nd	lbs. oz. 10 8	lbs. oz. 7 14	oz. 12	oz. 12	pts. 14	pts. 14	lbs. oz. 2 0	lbs. oz. 2 0	pts. 3	pts. 3	oz. 6	oz. 6

Labour and Employment.

Prisoners sentenced to hard labour are removed after conviction to various houses of correction.

Male prisoners sentenced to penal servitude, while awaiting removal to a government prison, are employed in picking oakum, 3 lbs. per day being the required task. The females do laundry work.

The prison service is performed in general by prisoners awaiting their trial, the selection being made by the governor or chief warder.

The time devoted to labour depends on the rapidity with which the required task is performed.

Ten hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads a selection of prayers daily, except on Saturday. Two services are performed on Sunday, with two sermons. The schoolmaster instructs the boys and acts as chapel clerk, and discharges his duties efficiently. The prison is well supplied with books.

Assistance is given from "The Sheriffs' Fund" to prisoners on their discharge until they can obtain employment, or to purchase tools, and in some cases to emigrate.

"Prisoners of religious denominations differing from the "Established Church re offered the privilege of being "visited by their own ministers, without originating a "request to that effect."

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison daily, and examines every prisoner on admission, and the penal servitude convicts at least twice during their stay, which rarely exceeds six weeks. He sees (and examines if necessary) every prisoner weekly.

The general health of the prisoners has been very good. The provisions are good and sufficient for health. The clothing and bedding of the prisoners are sufficient.

One prisoner has died from natural causes and one has been removed to a lunatic asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted 213 times on males and once on a female prisoner, viz. :—

	M.	F.
Solitary or dark cells - - -	1	1
Stoppage of diet - - - -	212	—

The prison staff includes 23 male and three female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 1,906*l.*

HOLLOWAY.—CITY HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year - -	1,551	384	1,935
Average daily number in custody - -	275	35	310
Re-committals - - - - -	541	154	695

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 320
" " female " " " 49

Total ordinary expenditure for the prison - - - -	£8,409 5*s.* 9*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - -	£23 4*s.* 2*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	325	22	163	6	516
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	157	30	61	2	250
„ 14, „ „ 1 month -	367	45	81	1	494
„ 1 month, „ 2 months -	204	23	36	—	263
„ 2 months, „ 3 „ -	169	12	12	—	193
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ -	54	2	7	—	63
„ 6 „ „ 1 year -	69	4	9	—	82
„ 1 year „ 2 years -	39	—	3	—	42
„ 2 years - - - -	11	—	—	—	11

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TABLE showing how the Total Value of Prisoners Labour, the Cash received for it, and the Estimated Value of Work done for Prison Use.

	—	Cash Received.	Estimated Value.	Total.
	MALES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
89	Mat-making - - - contract	735 19 4	—	735 19 4
53	Treadwheel - - - piece work	—	136 17 6	136 17 6
58	Oakum - - - contract	60 19 6	—	60 19 6
2	Wood chopping, 263 days - at per diem 1/	5 9 3	7 13 9	13 3 0
	Bookbinding, 78 days - „ „ 2/	0 12 0	7 4 0	7 16 0
	Basket making, 114 days - „ „ 2/	—	11 8 0	11 8 0
12	Gardeners - - - piece work -	2 2 9	173 0 4	175 3 1
1	Carpenter - - - „ „	—	56 8 1	56 8 1
4	Engineers, tinmen, coopers, bricklayers, and labourers „ „	10 3 4	233 9 10	187 14 3
8	Tailors, 2,382 days - - at per diem 2/	41 16 4	196 7 8	238 4 0
7	Shoemakers, 2,026 days - „ „ 2/	33 1 0	169 11 0	202 12 0
	Washers, 127 days - - „ „ 1/6	—	9 10 6	9 10 6
8	Cooks, 1,825 days - - „ „ 1/3	5 16 8	108 4 7	114 1 3
	Stoker, 236 days - - „ „ 1/	—	11 16 0	11 16 0
1	Whitewasher, 370 days - „ „ 2/	—	37 0 0	37 0 0
1	Barber, 312 days - - „ „ 1/3	—	19 10 0	19 10 0
1	Painters and glaziers, 336 days „ „ 2/	—	33 12 0	33 12 0
20	Cleaning prisons - - - - -	—	343 2 0	343 2 0
1	Nurse - - - - -	—	23 8 0	23 8 0
266		896 0 2	1,522 5 2	2,418 5 4
	FEMALES.			
5	Oakum - - - piece work -	2 6 6	—	2 6 6
2	Knitting - - -	—	100 16 3	100 16 3
9	Needlework - - - „ „			
10	Cleaning prison - - at per diem 1/	—	156 0 0	156 0 0
2	Nurses - - - „ „ 1/6	—	46 16 0	46 16 0
6	Washing - - - „ „	19 0 1	232 18 11	251 19 0
34	Total - £	917 6 9	2,067 16 4	2,985 3 1

Accommodation for prisoners :—

For criminals,—	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells certified - -	349	60	409
Punishment cells certified - -	12	2	14
Reception cells - - -	8	3	11
Yards for exercise - - -	2	1	3

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and furnished with bells, excepting the punishment cells, which are not lighted.

The prisoners sleep in hammocks and rise at 5.45 a.m. and retire at 9 p.m. On Sundays they rise at 6.45 and retire at 8 p.m.

During association the prisoners are under the supervision of an officer, and are so placed as to prevent any communication.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 7*d.* Extra diet has been allowed by order of the surgeon to 113 prisoners on an aggregate of 8,234 days. Boys under 16 are allowed the same diet as females.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—
2nd -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1	3	3	—	—
3rd -	8 12	7 14	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2	3	3	—	—
4th -	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3	3	3	—	—
5th -	10 8	7 14	16	12	11	11	7 0	3 8	3	3	5¼	5¼	3	3

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The treadmill is constructed for 26 prisoners at one time. They are divided by partitions and are always under the eye of the officer in charge. The power is used for raising water for the use of the prison.

Sixty-seven men are employed in working looms, and seven in working a mat-shearing machine.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

The prisoners also work at oakum picking, tailoring, shoemaking, wood chopping, bookbinding, basket making, and as carpenters, engineers, bricklayers, and various other trades. See the annexed table.

The service of the prison is performed by prisoners who have not been previously convicted, selected by the governor for the approval of the visiting justices.

The prisoners are employed for 10 hours daily in labour, and 8½ hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain and schoolmaster continue the duties described in my last report. The schoolmaster's classes average about 130 adults, youths, and boys. The schoolmistress instructs the females for 2 hours on four days in the week, and superintend the knitting and needlework. The prison is well supplied with books. "The usual facilities" are afforded to Romanists, Jews, and Dissenters for seeing their own ministers.

B.

Return showing the Number of Prisoners who have been assisted on their discharge from the City of London Prison, Holloway, from the 30th September 1865 to the 29th Sept. 1866.

—	Pecuniary Assistance.		Clothing.		Sent Home to Friends, Fare paid, and pecuniary Assistance.		Sent to Situations, and partly furnished with Clothing.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Assisted by the gaol funds	304	77	119	60	5	—	—	—
Assisted by the Sheriffs' fund	217	91	4	3	7	4		8
	521	168	123	63	12	4		8

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—	Sent to Reformatories.		Assisted in supplying with Tools and Stocks.		Sent to Sea with Outfits.		Sent Abroad.						Total.
							Australia.		America.		Canada.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Assisted by the gaol funds	21	4	12	3	1	—	-	-	—	—	2	-	608
Assisted by the Sheriff's funds	1	0	47	22	10	—	1	0	1	1	2	-	429
	22	10	59	25	11	—	1	-	1	1	4	-	1,037

Health.

The surgeon attends daily, Sundays included, and twice when required.

The general health of the prisoners is described as very good, though, in consequence of the prevalence of illness elsewhere, a larger number of cases than usual have appeared in the prison, including 5 of fever, 1 of small-pox, and 1 of cholera.

The provisions are very good in quality, and quite sufficient for maintaining health. The clothing and bedding are satisfactory.

Eight deaths have occurred from natural causes, six prisoners have been pardoned on medical grounds, and two lunatics have been removed to an asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted 1,236 times on males and 35 times on females, viz.:—

Irons or handcuffs - -	7	18*	times.
Solitary or dark cells - -	129	2	„
Stoppage of diet - -	990	4	„
Other punishments - -	110	11	„

The prison staff includes 33 male and 5 female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 2930*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* per annum.

DEBTORS' PRISON FOR LONDON AND MIDDLESEX, IN WHITECROSS STREET.

Prisoners committed in the year:—

From the police courts, including cab drivers -	232
„ Sheriffs', debtors - -	876
„ County Court, debtors - - -	628
Average daily number in custody - - -	91
Greatest number at one time - - -	136

Total expenditure for the prison - - £4,436 3*s.* 8*d.*

The average annual cost per prisoner of those maintained by the prison is 53*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, but of those who maintain themselves it is only 44*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* Both are very high in consequence of the large number of officers necessary for conveying prisoners to and from the courts.

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* These 18 punishments were inflicted on the woman referred to as probably insane in my last report. She has since been pronounced to be so and removed to an asylum.

No description of hard labour is performed in the prison the greater number of prisoners being debtors, and the remainder being sentenced to simple imprisonment.

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For debtors :—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	334	27	361
Day rooms - - -	10	—	10
Yards for exercise - - -	7	—	7

The bed wards are unlocked at 6 a.m. in summer and 7 in winter, and the prisoners have access to their sleeping wards between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. All lights in the sleeping and day wards are extinguished at half-past 10 p.m.

Diet.

Meal, bread, coals, and bedding are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 3*s.* 6*d.*

Religious Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers daily and performs full services on Sunday, and also preaches on Wednesday and Friday. There is a good library, to which the prisoners have free access.

A fund called "the Sheriffs' Fund," at the disposal of the chairman of the prison committee, is distributed through the governor to the most necessitous of the prisoners on their discharge, in order to enable them to reach their homes.

The chaplain states that prisoners of all denominations frequently attend the chapel services.

"All persons not of the Church of England are allowed "full liberty to receive at any time the instruction of their "own minister, and this fact is well understood throughout "the prison."

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison daily, or as much oftener as necessary; visits the infirmary and attends to the applications made to him.

The amount of illness during the past year has rather exceeded the average in consequence of the prevalence of diarrhœa during the summer, but no case of cholera occurred

in the prison. The dietary is thought sufficient, except in cases of illness, when such additions as are necessary are ordered by the surgeon. The clothing and bedding are quite sufficient.

One sleeping ward has been altered so as to reduce the number of sleeping compartments from 16 to 12.

All the rules in Schedule 1 of the Prison Act, applicable to a debtors' prison, are stated by the governor to be observed.

Prisoners (males) in custody on the day of inspection, 5th November:—

Sheriffs' debtors - - - - -	81
Transferred from the Queen's prison - -	1
Chancery prisoner - - - - -	1
County court prisoners - - - -	10
County court equity prisoners under 28 & 29 Vict. c. 99 - - - - - -	2
Police cases (chiefly cab drivers) - - -	7
	102

The prison staff includes 13 male and two female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 1,008*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

COUNTY PRISON OF MONMOUTH.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	73	25	98	13	22
Average daily number in custody -	21	7	28	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	18	10	28	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 29
" " female " " " 10
" " debtors at any one time - 5

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - -	£1,226 10*s.* 10*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - -	£42 5*s.* 10*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	15	1	4	—	20
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	7	—	2	—	9
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month -	11	—	5	1	17
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months -	2	—	1	—	3
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ -	1	—	—	—	1
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ -	8	—	5	—	13
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	5	—	2	—	7
Penal Servitude of every duration -	5	—	1	—	6

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£. *s.* *d.*
Treadwheel, stone-breaking, picking oakum, cooking, and cleaning prison -	18	—	18	16 1 9	82 18 9	99 0 6
Washing, mangling, sewing, knitting, picking oakum, and cleaning prison -	—	6	6	—	—	—

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	36	6	42
Punishment cells not certified -	1	—	1
Reception cells - - -	5	—	5
Yards for exercise - -	2	1	3

For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	1	1	2
Day rooms - - -	1	1	2
Yards for exercise - - -	1	1	2

Three only of the cells for criminals are artificially warmed, two of them are lighted, but none are ventilated or furnished with cells.

The male prisoners sleep in hammocks, and the females in beds. The hour for rising is 6 a.m., and that for retiring 8 p.m.

When in association the prisoners are under the supervision of a warder.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are provided by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 11*d.* Ten prisoners have received extra diet by order of the surgeon on an aggregate of 226 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - - - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—
2nd - - - - -	10 8	10 8	—	—	14	14	—	—
3rd - - - - -	3 8	2 10	—	—	—	—	—	—
4th - - - - -	4 4	3 6	16	16	—	—	1 8	1 0

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Class.	Soup.		Oatmeal Porridge.		Milk.		Indian Meal Porridge.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3rd - - - - -	—	—	6 2	4 6	10½	10½	3 8	2 10
4th - - - - -	2	2	6 2	4 6	8½	8½	1 8	1 2

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The prisoners work on the treadmill, and at stone-breaking.

The treadmill is constructed for 10 at one time. They

are divided by partitions on the wheel and are always under the observation of an officer.

The task at stonebreaking is at the rate of one ton per day of 10 hours.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

The service of the prison is performed by well-conducted prisoners who have served three months of their sentences. The selection is made by the visiting justices.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain reads prayers daily and performs two services on Sundays. He also visits each prisoner twice a week, and the sick and those under punishment daily.

The prisoners are efficiently instructed in reading, writing, and arithmetic, the males by the schoolmaster, and the females by the female warder. There is an abundant supply of books. A "Prisoners' Relief Fund," supported by voluntary contributions, has afforded considerable assistance to prisoners on their discharge.

"Prisoners of religious denominations differing from the "Established Church are offered the privilege of being "visited by their own ministers without originating a "request to that effect."

The surgeon attends the prison daily, and makes an examination of the prisoners once a week.

The general health of the prisoners has been good.

The diet is considered by the surgeon to be sufficient but not excessive, and sufficient clothing and bedding are supplied to the prisoners.

One lunatic has been removed to an asylum.

The governor states that the rules in Schedule 1 have been observed as closely as they can be applied to this prison, and that any breaches of them are attributed to the state of the prison, which does not admit of prisoners being entirely separated.

Punishment (by confinement in solitary or dark cells) has been inflicted on males 54, and on females 15 times.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 14th December 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	15	4
Convicted summarily	1	—
Debtors from the superior courts	2	—
	18	4
Total	22	
Total on the same day last year	24	7
Total	31	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows :—

Males.—Breaking stone and working the treadmill by turns. Two men were cleaning, and one was cooking.

Females.—Washing, knitting, picking oakum, and cleaning.

The prison staff includes five male and two female subordinate officers whose united annual salaries amount to 300*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*

COUNTY PRISON OF USK.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	748	288	1036
Average daily number in custody	91	31	122
Re-committals	129	90	219

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 129
„ „ female „ „ „ 46

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison £2,727 6*s.* 4½*d.*

Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting net profit on prisoners' earnings £22 1*s.* 3*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	135	7	66	2	210
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	122	10	91	2	195
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month -	145	11	65	3	224
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months -	91	1	18	2	112
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ -	95	—	19	—	114
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ -	34	—	16	—	50
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	9	—	4	—	13
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years -	1	—	1	—	2
„ 2 years - - - - -	1	—	1	—	2
Penal Servitude of every duration -	14	—	1	—	15

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treadmill - -	20	—	20	—	—	—
Oakum picking - -	44	14	58	26 5 0	—	26 5 0
Stonebreaking - -	10	—	10	5 10 0	—	5 10 0
Pumping water - -	2	—	2	—	52 0 0	52 0 0
Tailoring and shoemaking.	4	—	4	—	52 0 0	52 0 0
Matmaking - -	1	—	1	3 17 4½	—	3 17 4½
Carpentering - -	1	—	1	—	26 0 0	26 0 0
Cleaning and whitelining.	7	4	11	—	57 4 0	57 4 0
Gardening - -	2	—	2	—	—	—
Washing, ironing, sewing, and knitting.	—	13	13	—	143 0 0	143 0 0
Total Number employed at Labour -	91	31	122	35 12 4½	330 4 0	365 16 4½

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For criminals,—	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells certified -	99	37	136
Punishment cells certified - -	1	—	1
Reception cells - - -	7	2	9
Yards for exercise - -	16	5	21

All the cells are warmed, lighted, ventilated, and provided with bells. The prisoners in general sleep in hammocks, but a few beds are in use. They rise at 6 a.m. and retire at 7.30 on week days and at 6.30 on Sundays.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are usually supplied by contract, and the average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 4¼*d.*

Eleven male and five female prisoners have received extra diet by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 389 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—
2nd	10 8	10 8	—	—	14	14	—	—
3rd	3 8	2 10	—	—	—	—	—	—
4th	4 4	2 6	8	8	—	—	1 8	1 0

(*continued.*)

Class.	Soup.		Oatmeal Porridge.		Indian Meal Porridge.		Milk.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.
1st	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3rd	—	—	6 2	4 6	3 8	2 10	10½	10½
4th	2	2	6 2	4 6	1 8	1 2	8½	8½

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the First Class.

The prisoners work on the treadmill 20 at one time divided by partitions and always under the inspection of an officer. No use is made of the power. A single handed crank is used occasionally for pumping water.

Hard Labour of the Second Class.

Shoe-making, tailoring, gardening, mat-making, and cleaning; for the women, picking oakum, sewing, washing, and knitting

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and performs two services on Sundays, and preaches twice. He visits the sick and refractory prisoners daily and others twice a week.

The schoolmaster and schoolmistress visit prisoners on admission, and keep a register of their educational attainments, &c.

Three hours daily is the average period devoted to instruction. These officers are well qualified and give satisfaction. The supply of books is sufficient.

A society was formed last year for the relief of prisoners on their discharge, and employs an agent to seek employment for, and otherwise aid, such prisoners, about 75 have been thus assisted since April 186 and six women have been sent to penitentiaries.

The chaplain believes that on admission of prisoners "record is made of their profession of religion, and every "facility is afforded for the ministry of their respective "denominations to visit all those different from the reformed "Church of England. No request to that effect is necessary "on the part of prisoners."

Health.

The surgeon visits the sick daily, and other prisoners twice a week, and oftener when required. The health of the prisoners has been good. The diet is considered sufficient, and is of good quality. Sufficient clothing and bedding are supplied to the prisoners.

Two deaths have taken place from natural causes, and one prisoner has been pardoned on medical grounds.

Punishment has been inflicted 128 times on males and 31 times on females, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells - -	3	1	times.
Stoppage of diet - -	125	0	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, December 15th 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	16	8
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - -	20	10
„ sentenced to penal servitude -	—	1
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	22	6
„ the Vagrant Act - -	5	—
„ the Juvenile Offenders' Act -	4	—
„ the Game Laws - -	1	—
For assault - - - -	1	1
„ want of sureties - - -	2	—
Others summarily convicted - -	7	4
Deserters awaiting a route - - -	1	—
	79	30
Total - -	109	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—On the treadmill	- - -	20
Pumping water	- - - -	2
Stone breaking	- -	2
Shoe making	- - -	2
Tailoring	- - -	1
Picking oakum	- - -	41
Service of the prison	- -	9
Work on the grounds	- -	1
Females.—Washing and Laundry	- -	5
Sewing and knitting	- -	6
Cleaning	- - -	3
Picking oakum	- - -	15

The prison staff includes 11 male and 4 female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 633*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*

MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

COUNTY PRISON OF MONTGOMERY.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	175	41	216	7	10
Average daily number in custody -	26	7	33	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	53	14	67	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 10
" " female " " " - 4
" " debtors at any one time -

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - £1,050 3*s.* 9*d.*

Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £29 16*s.* 6*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Not exceeding 7 days	41	9	50
Above 7 days, and not exceeding 14 days	26	9	35
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	7	—	7
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months	41	8	49
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „	14	4	18
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „	13	5	18
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year	5	2	7
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years	2	1	3
„ 2 years	4	—	4
Penal servitude of every duration	7	—	7

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Stone breaking	7	—	7	18 10 0	20 0 0	38 10 0
Mat making	7	—	7	17 11 6	1 0 0	18 11 0
Treadmill	4	—	4	—	20 0 0	20 0 6
Clogging	1	—	1	—	5 0 0	5 0 0
Tailoring	1	—	1	—	5 0 0	5 0 0
Carpentering	1	—	1	—	5 0 0	5 0 0
Painting and limewashing	1	—	1	—	5 0 0	5 0 0
Washing, baking, ironing and repairing	—	5	5	—	25 0 0	25 0 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	22	5	27	36 1 6	86 0 0	122 1 6

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified	28	—	28
„ not certified	12	8	20
Punishment cells certified	2	—	2
„ not certified	—	1	1
Reception cells	2	—	2
Yards for exercise	2	1	3
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	1	1	2
Day rooms	1	1	2
Yards for exercise	1	1	2

Thirty of the cells for male prisoners are warmed, ventilated, and lighted, and 32 are provided with bells.

The male prisoners sleep in hammocks and the females in beds, rising at 5.45 a.m. in summer and 7 a.m. in winter, and retiring at 8 p.m. throughout the year.

The male prisoners when in association are always under the supervision of an officer.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 10½*d.*

Extra diet has been received by 11 men, at the order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 928 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.
1st - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
2nd - -	10 8	7 14	2	2	14	14	—	—	1	1
3rd - -	8 12	7 14	10	8	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2
4th - -	9 10	7 14	18	14	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3
5th - -	9 10	7 14	18	14	14	14	7 0	3 8	3	3

Labour and Employment.

As hard labour of the 1st Class prisoners work at the treadmill and at stone breaking. The former is constructed for 24 at one time, and the prisoners are divided by partitions and always under the supervision of an officer. The power is used to pump water for the use of the prison and grind corn. At stone breaking the task required is, of the largest size, 2 tons; of the second size, ½ a ton; and of the third size, 2 cwt.

The male prisoners are also employed in mat making, tailoring, clog making, and other trades, and the females in washing, ironing, baking, repairing clothing, and cleaning.

The service of the prison is also performed by convicted prisoners certified by the surgeon as incapable of performing hard labour and prisoners not sentenced to hard labour, the selection being made by the visiting justices.

Ten hours are allotted to labour in summer and eight hours and a half in winter. Ten hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Fast Days, and visits the prisoners weekly. There is a good supply of books. "Prisoners are

"offered the services of their own ministers; but they never "avail themselves of the offer, except Roman Catholics, and "those but very seldom, not more than twice during the last "year."

HEALTH.

The surgeon visits the prison at least four times in the week, examines prisoners on admission, and every prisoner once a week. The general condition of the prisoners' health has been good. The surgeon has not yet been able to form an opinion of the working of the dietary lately introduced, but considers that it is certainly not excessive. The clothing and bedding are sufficient.

A prisoner for trial named Alfred Newton escaped on the 19th December 1865, was apprehended at Chesterfield upon another charge of burglary, convicted in the name of Arthur Francis Larrell and sentenced to 5 years penal servitude.

The part of the prison appropriated to male criminals has been reconstructed, and the prisoners are now confined in separate cells.

Punishment has been inflicted 17 times on male prisoners viz.

Solitary or dark cells - - -	14	times.
Stoppage of diet - - -	3	

The governor states that every rule in Schedule 1 of the Prisons' Act is observed in the prison, with the exception of Rule 20, there being no difference in the colour of the clothing of untried and convicted prisoners.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 26th October 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	3	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - -	16	3
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act - -	1	—
„ the Vagrant Act - -	1	—
Others summarily convicted - - -	5	—
	26	3
Total - -	29	
Total on the same day last year -	28	4
Total -	32	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Breaking stones	- -	11
Cooking	- - -	1
Clog making	- -	1
Mat making	- - -	5
Removing stone	- -	1
Tailoring	- - - -	1
Females.—Baking	- - -	2
Needlework	- - - -	1

The staff of the prison includes four male and one female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 196*l.* 16*s.* per annum.

NORFOLK.

COUNTY PRISON OF NORWICH.

—	Criminal Prisoners.	Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males only.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	698	20	47
Average daily number in custody	140	—	—
Re-committals - - - -	140	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 143
" " debtors " " " 9

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £2,972 9*s.* 1*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - £27 10*s.* 2*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Adults.	Juveniles.	Total.
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - -	94	2	96
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days - - -	130	—	130
" 14 days " " 1 month - - -	181	2	183
" 1 month " " 2 months - - -	70	2	72
" 2 months " " 3 " - - -	55	1	56
" 3 " " " 6 " - - -	25	—	25
" 6 " " " 1 year - - -	4	—	4
" 1 year " " 2 years - - -	2	—	2
Penal Servitude of every duration - - -	7	—	7

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.	Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Tailors' work	1	1 16 0	21 13 6	23 9 6
Shoemaking	2	11 2 2	10 10 3	21 12 5
Knitting	1	1 10 0	—	1 10 0
Sacks and Bags	10	42 0 11	—	42 0 11
Oakum picking	6	9 19 3	—	9 19 3
Hair do.	10	41 12 7	—	41 12 7
Mats and matting, weaving	14	133 13 8	—	133 13 8
Carpenters', bricklayers', and painter's work	—	—	64 7 6	64 7 6
Total number employed at profitable labour	44	241 14 7	96 11 3	338 5 10

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.
For criminals :—	
Ordinary cells certified	134
Do not certified	38
Yards for exercise	8
For debtors,—	
Sleeping cells or rooms	53
Day rooms	3
Yards for exercise	3

Any cell is indiscriminately used as a punishment cell. Dark cells are not used. There are no reception cells, but prisoners are examined on their arrival, and afterwards placed in their ordinary cells.

One hundred and thirty-four of the cells for criminals are warmed, lighted, ventilated, and provided with bells. A portion of the criminal prisoners sleep on iron bedsteads, or a sheet of cast iron, and others in hammocks. They rise at 6 a.m., and retire at 8.30 p.m. throughout the year.

When the prisoners are in association, an officer is always present.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, and the average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 5*d.*

The dietary in use is that which was certified by the Secretary of State in the year 1850.

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the First Class.

The prisoners work on the treadmill, which is constructed for 46 at one time. They are divided from one another, and always under the supervision of an officer. The power is applied to raising water for the use of the prison. Task work at cocoa matting weaving and rope beating is also done by the prisoners.

Hard Labour of the Second Class.

The prisoners are employed in making door mats, sacks, and house bags, oakum and hair picking, and shoemaking.

The service of the prison is performed by prisoners who are unfit for hard labour, selected by the governor from the best conducted.

The period allotted to labour is from 10½ to 11 hours, and 9 hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads a selection from the Prayer Book daily, and performs service on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday. He also sees each prisoner on admission and discharge, and once a month, and visits the sick.

The schoolmaster teaches reading and writing, and gives moral and religious lessons from appointed books. He discharges his duties satisfactorily. There is a good supply of books.

No society exists for aiding discharged prisoners, but there is a fund of about 8*l.* per annum partly applicable to this purpose.

"The governor always explains to each prisoner his "privileges when he first sees him relative to matters of "religion."

Health.

The surgeon attends daily, and oftener if required. The general health of the prisoners has been good.

The dietary is considered sufficient, but not excessive, and the quality of the provisions has been good. The prisoners are supplied with sufficient clothing and bedding.

Three deaths have occurred from natural causes.

Punishment has been inflicted, by stoppage of diet, 65 times on male prisoners.

A few minor alterations have been made in the discipline, in order to bring it into more complete conformity with the Prisons Act.

The prison staff includes 12 male and one female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 664*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.*

CITY PRISON OF NORWICH.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	320	72	392	15	38
Average daily number in custody -	65	11	76	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	99	16	115	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 80
„ „ female „ „ „ 13
„ „ debtors at any one time 3

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £1,895 19*s.* 1*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £22 4*s.* 4*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	33	7	9	—	49
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	45	7	10	—	62
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month -	58	5	17	2	82
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months -	39	2	7	1	49
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ -	29	2	9	—	40
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ -	15	—	1	—	16
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	13	—	3	—	16
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years -	6	—	—	—	6
Penal Servitude of every duration -	5	—	—	—	5

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Matmaking, weaving, picking hair, &c.	9	—	9	53 0 0	—	53 0 0
Shoemaking	3	—	3	17 14 3	40 18 6	58 12 9
Bricklayers, carpenters, painters, tinmen, brushmakers, and labourers	9	—	9	—	130 0 0	130 0 0
Tailors	1	—	1	—	15 0 0	15 0 0
Treadwheel and crank	28	—	28	—	—	—
Washing, knitting, sewing, laundry, and cleaners	3	11	14	—	65 0 0	65 0 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	53	11	64	70 14 3	250 18 6	321 12 9

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified	88	23	111
Punishment cells certified	1	1	2
Reception cells	6	1	7
Yards for exercise	5	1	6
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	5	—	5
Day rooms	2	1	3
Yards for exercise	2	—	2

The cells are warmed and lighted by gas stoves and are furnished with bells.

The beds of the prisoners are composed of perforated iron plates on which are placed rush mats 2½ inches thick. 16 cells are fitted with plank beds, but no prisoners have been sentenced to sleep on them. The prisoners when in association are under constant supervision.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract; the average weekly cost of food per head being 1*s.* 11*d.* Two prisoners have received extra diet by order of the surgeon on an aggregate of 272 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2
2nd	8 0	6 10	—	—	7	7	2 4	1 8
3rd	9 0	7 10	13½	13½	14	14	4 0	2 14
4th	9 14	7 10	18	18	14	14	4 14	3 2
5th	10 0	7 12	18	18	14	14	6 6	4 14

(*continued.*)

Class.	Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd	2½	2½	—	—	2	2	24	18	—	—
4th	3	3	1	1	3	2	36	24	—	—
5th	3	3	2	2	3	2	36	24	—	—

When committed to hard labour 1 oz. of extra cheese is allowed to classes 2, 3, 4, and 5 on Sunday, and to:

		Males.	Females.
Class 2.	1 pint of gruel daily.	Beef.	
„ 3.	In lieu of puddings on Monday and Friday	3 oz.	2 oz.
„ 4.	„ „ „	4	3
„ 5.	„ „ „	4	3

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The prisoners work on the treadmill, which is constructed for 28 at one time, divided by partitions and always under the observation of an officer. The power is applied to pumping water for the use of the prison.

Four cranks are also in use for prisoners under 16, and men unfit for hard labour. The power is not used.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

The prisoners are employed in mat-making, weaving, and other industrial occupations.

For the service of the prison the governor selects prisoners not liable to hard labour of the 1st class.

The hours for labour are in summer from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and in winter from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. In winter 10½ and in summer 8½ hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers, and instructs prisoners privately daily, and performs two services on Sunday, with two sermons. He visits the sick and superintends the school and library. There is a qualified schoolmaster who gives satisfaction to the chaplain, and the prison is well supplied with books.

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison daily, and sees each prisoner once a week and the sick daily. The health of the prisoners has been good. The diet is considered to be sufficient without being excessive, and the quality of the provisions is good. The clothing is sufficient, but an extra blanket has been ordered in severs weather.

One death has taken place from natural causes.

Punishment has been inflicted 38 times on male and six times on female prisoners, viz.:

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells - -	9	2	} times.
Stoppage of diet - -	29	4	}

The alterations recommended in my last report to be made in the corridors have been carried out in the remaining portions of them, and a dark cell has been constructed in the tower of the wing for females.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 6th August 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination - - -	3	2
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	7	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - -	29	5
„ sentenced to penal servitude -	1	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act - -	8	1
For assault - - - -	14	2
Others summarily convicted - -	5	—
Debtors from the superior courts - -	1	1
„ from the county courts - -	4	—
	72	11
Total - - -	83	
Total on the same day last year -	54	15
Total - -	69	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males:—The treadmill and cranks were not at work owing to the officers being in the court with prisoners. The prisoners therefore were at second class labour in their cells, consisting of picking coir, &c., matmaking and matting, weaving, shoemaking, and tailoring.

The women were employed in washing and needlework, knitting stockings, &c.

The prison staff includes 8 male and 2 female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 451*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*

COUNTY PRISON OF SWAFFHAM.

	Criminal Prisoners.
	All males.
Prisoners committed in the year	268
Average daily number in custody	50
Re-committals	95

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 69

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison	£1,655 18*s.* 5*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	£28 7*s.* 1*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Adults.	Juveniles.	Total.
Not exceeding 7 days	28	5	33
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	50	2	52
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	46	2	48
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months	33	2	35
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „	25	—	25
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „	32	—	32
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year	12	—	12
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years	3	—	3
Penal Servitude of every duration	2	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.	Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sacking, canvas, matting, weaving, mat and sack making, and oakum picking - - - - -	20	129 15 2	—	—
Shoemaking, tailoring, washing, cooking, prison cleaning - - -	13	—	108 8 8	—
Total number employed at profitable labour. -	33	129 15 2	108 8 8	238 3 10

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For criminals,—	Males.
Ordinary cells certified - - -	71
Punishment cells certified - - -	1
Yards for exercise - - - -	3

All the cells are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and provided with bells. Four ordinary cells are used as reception cells. The prisoners sleep on plank bedsteads, with rush or coir mattrasses. They rise in summer at 5.50 a.m., and at 6.50 in winter, and retire at 9 p.m. throughout the year. Plank beds are used in the dark cell, and in the ordinary cells when used for punishment.

When in association the prisoners are under supervision.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are provided by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head during the year ending September 29, 1866, has been 2*s.* 8*d.*

WEEKLY AMOUNT of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.	Meat.	Gruel.	Potatoes.	Soup.
	lbs. oz.	oz.	pints.	lbs. oz.	pints.
1st - - - - -	7 0	—	14	—	—
2nd - - - - -	8 2	—	14	2 8	2
3rd - - - - -	9 10	6	14	2 0	3
4th - - - - -	10 8	12	14	2 0	3
5th - - - - -	9 10	16	14	7 0	3

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the First Class.

The tread-mill is used, and 20 prisoners can work at the same time in separate stalls under the observation of an officer. The power is occasionally applied to pumping water.

Eight cranks are worked for 1 hour daily (Sundays excepted), to pump water for the use of the prison. They can also be used as a fire engine.

Task work is also done on a heavy Malling loom.

Hard Labour of the Second Class.

The prisoners are employed in weaving sacking and canvass, sack making, picking oakum by task, washing, tailoring, shoemaking, quill winding, and cleaning.

The prison services are performed by prisoners committed for misdemeanour, the selection being made by the governor under the direction of the visiting justices.

The hours for sleep are from 9 p.m to 5.50 in summer, with 1 hour additional in winter.

The period allowed to labour is 7 hours in winter and 9 in summer.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and performs two services on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday. He visits the sick daily. The schoolmaster instructs daily, and occasionally acts as warder. He is qualified, and gives satisfaction. The prison is sufficiently supplied with books. Prisoners of religious denominations differing from the Established Church are not now offered the privilege of being visited by their own ministers, without originating a request to that effect, though such was the case under the former rule.

Health.

The surgeon attends the sick daily, or visits the prison and all the prisoners once a week. The health of the prisoners has been good. The dietary is thought to be sufficient, but not more than sufficient, and the quality of the provisions is good. The prisoners are well supplied with clothing and bedding.

Two prisoners have died from natural causes.

Punishment has been inflicted 59 times on male prisoners, viz:—

	Males.
Solitary or dark cell - - -	16 times.
Stoppage of diet - - - -	43 „

All prisoners sentenced to hard labour and not exempted by the surgeon work on the treadmill at hard labour of the first class, and the remainder are employed as above at hard labour of the second class.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 28th December 1866 :—

	Males.
For re-examination	3
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	4
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	20
Convicted summarily :—	
Under the Criminal Justice Act	14
„ the Vagrant Act	5
„ the Game Laws	11
For assault	4
„ want of sureties	3
Others summarily convicted, bastardy	1
Deserters awaiting a route	1
Total	66
Total on the same day last year, 29th December 1865	50

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—		
Treadwheel, and cranks attached	20	First class hard labour.
Matting weaving	1	
Sacking weaving	10	Second class hard labour.
Mat-making	1	
Shoemaking	1	
Sack-making	3	
Tailoring	1	
Washing prison linen	1	
Picking oakum	11	
Cleaning prison	2	
Quill winding	1	
Carpentering	1	
Picking oakum	8	Prisoners not for hard labour and for trial, employed but not tasked.
Sacking making	3	
Hospital 1, itch cell 1	2	
Total	66	

The prison staff includes six male subordinate officers, whose annual salaries amount to 373*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.*

COUNTY PRISON OF WYMONDHAM.

	Criminal Prisoners.
	All females.
Prisoners committed in the year - - - - - -	142
Average daily number in custody - - - - - -	19
Re-committals - - - - - - - - - -	17

Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - 28

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - -	£640 14*s.* 1*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	£29 4*s.* 10*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - -	21	—	21
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days - - - -	9	—	9
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - -	40	7	47
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months - -	29	—	29
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ - -	8	—	8
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ - -	13	—	13
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year - - -	3	—	3
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years - - -	2	—	2
Penal servitude of every duration - - -	1	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Prisoners employed in washing, mending, and making linen, knitting stockings, cleaning and picking oakum for this prison and Norwich Castle -	—	15	15	83 2 8	24 0 0	107 2 8
Total number employed at profitable labour -	—	10	10	83 2 8	24 0 0	107 2 8

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	For females.
For criminals,—	
Ordinary cells certified - - -	30
Punishment cell certified - - -	1
„ not certified - - -	1
Reception cells - - - -	1
Yards for exercise - - - -	2

All the cells are warmed, ventilated, and lighted by gas-lanterns, and 31 are provided with bells.

The prisoners sleep in beds, rising at 6 a.m. in summer and 6.30 in winter, and retiring at 9 p.m. throughout the year.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract.

The average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 5*d.*

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Sugar in Gruel.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
1st - -	—	7 14	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	2¼	—	—
2nd - -	—	7 14	—	3	—	14	—	0 3	—	1	—	2¼	—	—
3rd - -	—	7 14	—	12	—	14	—	4 6	—	2	—	2¼	—	—
4th - -	—	7 14	—	21	—	14	—	2 9	—	3	—	2¼	—	—
5th - -	—	7 14	—	21	—	11	—	3 8	—	3	—	4½	—	2¼

Labour and Employment.

The time allotted to labour is 10 hours, and nine hours in summer, and 9½ in winter are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers daily and twice on Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday with a sermon. He instructs the prisoners on four days in the week either by addresses, catechising, exposition, or hearing them recite lessons, and visits each one privately once a week and the sick, &c., daily. He also sees prisoners on admission and discharge. There is no schoolmistress, but the visiting justices have accepted the offer of the chaplain to instruct prisoners under long sentences in reading. There is an ample supply of books.

"Prisoners belonging to other denominations than the "Established Church may see a minister of their own "persuasion on application, but the privilege is very rarely "embraced."

Health.

The surgeon attends and inspects the prisoners twice a week, and oftener when necessary. Their health has been generally good. The provisions are good in quality and the diet sufficient for health.

The prisoners are supplied with sufficient clothing and bedding.

Punishment has been inflicted 17 times, viz.:

Solitary or dark cells twice.
Stopping of diet 15 times.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 6th August 1866:—

	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	4
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	6
„ sentenced to penal servitude	1
Convicted summarily:—	
Under the Criminal Justice Act	5
„ the Vagrant Act	2
For assault	1
Others summarily convicted	4
Total	23
Total on the same day last year	16

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Females.—	Washing	3
	Laundry	1
	Cleaning	2
	Picking oakum	5
	Needlework	5

The prison staff includes two female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 77*l.*

BOROUGH PRISON OF YARMOUTH.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	297	45	342	13
Average daily number in custody	27	5	32	0·3
Re-committals - - - - -	108	15	123	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	50*
" " female " " "	13
" " Debtors " "	2

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - -	£799 16*s.* 8*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - -	£24 9*s.* 7*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	13	5	4	—	22
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	7	4	2	—	13
" 14 days " " 1 month -	58	32	7	—	97
" 1 month " " 2 months -	64	7	15	2	88
" 2 months " " 3 months -	44	—	2	—	46
" 3 " " " 6 " -	16	1	4	—	21
" 6 " " " 1 year -	6	—	3	—	9
" 1 year " " 2 years -	7	—	1	—	8
" 2 years - - - - -	1	—	—	—	1
Penal Servitude of every duration -	2	—	—	—	2

* Nineteen of these were removed to the County Prison to undergo remainder of sentences.

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Picking oakum, hair, wool, &c.	13	—	13	6 6 0	—	6 6 0
Matmaking	2	—	2	10 4 0	—	10 4 0
Making prison clothing, repairing, &c.	2	2	4	—	62 8 0	62 8 0
Laundry work	—	2	2	—	15 12 0	15 12 0
Cleaning	1	1	2	—	7 16 0	7 16 0
Painting, carpentering, whitewashing	1	—	1	—	31 4 0	31 4 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	19	5	24	16 10 0	117 0 0	133 10 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified for one month	12	4	16
Ditto not certified	10	3	13
Punishment cells not certified	1	—	1
Reception cells	1	—	1
Yards for exercise	3	2	5
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	1	—	1
Day rooms	1	—	1
Yards for exercise	1	—	1

The prisoners sleep in beds and rise at 6 a.m. in summer and 6½ in winter, retiring at 8 p.m. throughout the year.

The prisoners when in association are under the supervision of an officer who visits them frequently, and is enabled to observe their conduct through inspection glasses in the walls of each room. During the night there is no supervision.

DIET.

With the exception of vegetables, milk, cheese, and Indian meal, which in the absence of tenders are purchased by the governor, the provisions and stores are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 1*s.* 9*d.* Extra diet has been received by five prisoners by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 75 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2
2nd	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8
3rd	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10
4th	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6
5th	10 0	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8

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Class.	Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd	2¼	2¼	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th	3	3	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th	3	3	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The prisoners work at the treadmill (which is constructed for eight at one time) in separate partitions, and always under the observation of an officer. The power is not made available for any purpose.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

Consists in pumping water for the use of the prison, picking oakum, hair, bass, manilla, wool, &c., mat making, mattress washing, and repairing prison clothing, and cleaning, painting, whitewashing, &c.

The governor selects for the service of the prison well-conducted prisoners, who have performed hard labour of the 1st class for three months.

Ten hours daily are allotted to work, and 9½ hours in summer and 10 in winter are allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and performs two full services with sermons on Sundays. He visits the sick daily,

and instructs the prisoners in chapel on Friday. The schoolmaster teachers the prisoners daily from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m., and is well qualified and efficient. There is a sufficient supply of books. No society exists for the relief of discharged prisoners, but there is a grant of 115*l.* from Rebecca Hussey's Charity.

"All prisoners on entering the gaol are asked to state "their religious denomination, and are offered the services "of their own minister."

Health.

The surgeon attends daily and whenever required The health of the prisoners has been good. The dietary is considered sufficient, and the provisions are of good quality. The clothing and bedding are sufficient.

Punishment has been inflicted on males 153 and on females 29 times, viz. :—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells -	29	5	times.
Stoppage of diet - -	124	24	

One prisoner escaped during the year but was recaptured.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 4th Augus 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	2	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - -	6	1
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act - -	5	5
For assault - - - - - -	5	—
„ want of sureties - - -	1	—
Others summarily convicted - -	5	—
	24	6
Total - - -	30	
Total on the same day last year -	28	4
Total - - -	32	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Working the treadmill	- -	8
Cleaning	- - - -	2
Exercising	- - - -	1
Oakum picking	- - -	13

Females.—Cleaning, ironing, repairing prison clothing, and oakum picking.

The prison staff includes five male and one female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 208*l.* 12*s*

OXFORDSHIRE.

COUNTY PRISON OF OXFORD.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	579	79	658	19	34
Average daily number in custody	84	9	93	3	—
Re-committals - - - - -	188	30	218	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 127
" " female " " " 13
" " debtors " " " 5

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £3,222 10*s.* 5*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £33 11*s.* 4*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	69	5	27	—	101
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	91	8	15	1	115
" 14 days " " 1 month -	119	7	19	2	147
" 1 month " " 2 months -	72	6	7	6	91
" 2 months " " 3 " -	15	—	6	1	22
" 3 " " " 6 " -	31	—	3	—	34
" 6 " " " 1 year -	24	—	3	—	27
" 1 year " " 2 years -	6	—	1	—	7
Penal Servitude of every duration - -	13	—	—	—	13

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1st class; treadwheel, shot drill, hard labour machines, and capstan	60	7	67	—	—	—
Females, washing, ironing, and mending	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oakum picking	6	—	6	9 13 9	—	9 13 9
Tailoring, shoemaking, and wood chopping	6	—	6	—	156 18 11	156 18 11
Total number employed at labour	72	7	79	9 13 9	156 18 11	166 12 8

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified	114	24	138
Do. not certified	123	—	123
Punishment cells certified	4	2	6
Reception cells	7	2	9
Yards for exercise	5	6	11
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	19	1	20
Day rooms	2	1	3
Yards for exercise	2	1	3

All the cells are warmed and more or less ventilated, and 114 for males and 24 for females are lighted and provided with bells.

Hammocks are in use in the certified cells and beds in those uncertified. The prisoners rise at 5.55 in summer, and 7.15 in winter, retiring at 8 throughout the year.

When in association prisoners are constantly in charge of an officer.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head has been 1*s.* 9¾*d.*

Extra diet has been allowed by order of the surgeon to six prisoners, on an aggregate of 134 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.
1st	14 0	14 0	—	—	14	14
2nd	10 8	8 0	3	3	14	14
3rd	8 12	8 0	12	12	14	14
4th	10 8	8 0	21	21	14	14
5th	9 10	8 0	25	21	11	11

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Class.	Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.
1st	—	—	—	—	5¼	5¼	—	—
2nd	—	—	1	1	5¼	5¼	—	—
3rd	4 0	4 0	2	2	5¼	5¼	—	—
4th	2 0	2 0	3	3	5¼	5¼	—	—
5th	7 0	3 8	3	3	4	4	3	3

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the First Class.

The treadmill is in use, and is constructed for 14 prisoners at one time, who are divided by partitions and always under an officer's observation. The power is not used.

Shot drill is practised, the ground being adapted for 20 men, and hard labour machines and the capstan are used, the latter for the purpose of raising water from the river for flushing the drains.

Hard Labour of the Second Class.

Consists in oakum picking, tailoring, shoemaking, and wood-chopping.

For the service of the prison the governor selects well-conducted prisoners who have served three months of sentences not under six months in the whole.

The period allotted to labour is 9 hours in summer and 7½ hours in winter, and 10 hours in summer and 11¼ hours in winter are allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and performs two services and preaches a sermon on Sunday, Christmas Day, and

Good Friday. He holds a Bible Class and visits each prisoner once in each week. The sick are visited daily. The chaplain and a competent warder teach the boys on five days in the week. The sub-matron acts efficiently as schoolmistress.

The prison is well supplied with books.

"When any prisoner professes himself to be of a religious "persuasion other than that of the Established Church, he "is told that he has the option of declining the religious "teaching of the chaplain and attendance on public worship, "and is asked if he would wish to be visited by a priest or "minister of his persuasion."

Health.

The surgeon attends daily, and oftener when necessary. The general health of the prisoners has been good. The diet is considered to be sufficient and not more than sufficient, and the quality of the provisions is good. The clothing and bedding are sufficient.

Two prisoners have been pardoned on medical grounds.

Punishment has been inflicted on males 220 and on females 6 times, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells	218	6	times.
Stoppage of diet	2	—	

Shot drill has been introduced during the past year.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 28th February 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination	2	—
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	17	2
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	38	4
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	14	3
„ the Vagrant Act	5	2
„ the Juvenile Offenders' Act	2	—
„ the Game Laws	8	—
For assault	4	1
„ want of sureties	2	—
Others summarily convicted	7	1
Debtors from the county courts	3	—
	102	13
Total	115	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Shot drill		20	
Cranks		10	
Capstan		16	
Treadwheel		18	
Oakum picking		24	
Tailoring		2	
Shoemaking		2	
Cleaning		5	
Unemployed		5	
			102
Females.—Washing		6	
Ironing		2	
Sewing		5	
			13
			115

The prison staff includes 11 male and two female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 617*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*

CITY PRISON OF OXFORD.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	208	47	255
Average daily number in custody	30	3	33
Re-committals	62	30	92

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 46
„ „ female „ „ „ 6

Total *ordinarg* expenditure for the prison £716 12*s.* 6*d.*

Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings £21 14*s.* 4*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	18	—	6	1	25
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days - -	23	—	13	—	36
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month -	64	2	10	—	76
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months -	28	—	2	—	30
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ -	15	—	—	—	15
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ -	15	—	4	—	19
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	4	—	—	—	4
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years -	1	—	1	—	2
Penal Servitude of every duration - -	3	—	1	—	4

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treadwheel - - -	10	—	10	—	—	—
Picking oakum - -	4	—	4	3 18 10	—	3 18 10
Making and mending prison clothing - -	1	1	2	—	6 10 0	6 10 0
Shoemaking and mending -	1	—	1	—	9 0 0	9 0 0
Washing and mending -	—	2	2	—	13 0 0	13 0 0
Total number employed at profitable labour -	16	3	19	3 18 10	28 10 0	32 8 10

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	26	15	41
Punishment cells not certified -	1	1	2
Yards for exercise - -	2	2	4
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	1	—	—
Day rooms - - -	1	—	—
Yards for exercise - - -	1	—	—

None of the cells are warmed, ventilated, lighted, or provided with bells.

The prisoners sleep in beds, and rise at 6 a.m. in summer and at 7.15 in winter, and retire in summer at 6.45 p.m. and at 3.45 in winter.

When in association the convicted prisoners are under the charge of an officer in the day-room and exercise yard, and are under constant supervision.

Diet.

The provisions only are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head has been 2*s.* 9*d.*

Thirteen prisoners have received extra diet by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 452 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.	pints.	pints.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1	—	—
3rd -	9 10	7 14	6	6	14	14	3 0	3 0	3	3	—	—
4th -	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3	—	—
5th -	9 10	7 14	16	12	11	11	7 0	3 8	3	3	3	3

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the First Class.

The prisoners work on the treadmill, eight at one time, exclusive of reliefs. There are no partitions, and as the officer is also occupied in the kitchen adjoining, the prisoners are not at all times under supervision. The power is not used.

Shot drill will shortly be commenced.

Hard Labour of the Second Class.

For the service of the prison the governor, as a general rule, selects for the approval of the visiting justices the weak and infirm, and those who have been longest confined.

Nine hours per day are allotted to labour in summer and six hours in winter. In summer 11¼ hours and in winter 15½ hours are allowed for sleep, but prisoners are not required to remain so long in their beds.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain performs two services on Sundays, and one on Wednesdays and Fridays. The prison is not well supplied with books.

Prisoners receive assistance on their discharge from a fund of 4*l.* per annum, administered by the governor.

"Roman Catholic prisoners are offered the privilege of "being visited by their priest without originating a request "to that effect."

Health.

The surgeon attends at the prison daily, and examines newly-admitted prisoners, and visits the sick. The health of the prisoners has been very good. The provisions are of good quality, and the dietary is considered sufficient. Sufficient bedding and clothing are provided, but the warming and ventilation are defective.

One death has occurred from natural causes.

Punishment has been inflicted on male prisoners 56 times, viz.:—

Solitary or dark cells - - -	11	times.
Stoppage of diet - - - -	45	

A somewhat stricter supervision has been instituted over the prisoners, but the arrangements of the prison do not admit of the provisions of the Prisons' Act being carried out in any particular.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 23rd April 1867:—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination - - -	1	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - -	18	2
„ sentenced to penal servitude -	1	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	4	—
„ the Vagrant Act - -	4	3
For assault - - -	1	—
Others summarily convicted -	3	—
	32	5
Total - -	37	
Total on the same day last year -	35	4
Total - -	39	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—On the treadmill and shot drill alternately - - -	22
Assisting cook - - -	2
Whitewashing - - -	2
Tailor - - - -	1
Shoemaker - - - -	1

Females.—Washing, needlework, and knitting.

The prison staff includes two male and one female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 118*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*

PEMBROKESHIRE.

HAVERFORDWEST COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	234	57	291	1	3
Average daily number in custody	36	7	43	—	—
Re-committals - - -	44	10	54	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 45
" " female " " " 10
" " debtors at any one time - 3

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - -	£966 0*s.* 4*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - -	£26 16*s.* 8*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	25	7	12	—	44
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	32	2	7	1	42
„ 14 days and not exceeding 1 month -	63	4	14	4	85
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months	31	—	5	—	36
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „	24	1	8	—	33
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „	17	—	1	—	18
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	22	—	4	—	26
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years -	3	—	—	—	3
„ 2 years - - - -	1	—	—	—	1
Penal Servitude of every duration -	2	—	1	—	3

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
The male prisoners were employed during the summer in erecting a new house for the matron, and other alterations in the females' prison - -	26	—	26	—	40 0 0	40 0 0
Washing and ironing the prisoners' clothes	—	5	5	—	52 0 0	52 0 0
Picking oakum - -	—	—	—	8 9 0	—	8 9 0
Total Number employed at profitable Labour -	26	5	31	8 9 0	92 0 0	100 9 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	52	14	66
Punishment cells not certified -	3	1	4
Reception cells - - -	4	—	4
Yards for exercise - -	5	2	7
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms -	4	1	5
Day rooms - - - -	2	1	3
Yards for exercise - -	1	—	1

None of the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, or provided with bells.

The prisoners sleep in beds, rising in summer at 6. a.m. and in winter at 7 a.m., and retiring in summer at 8 and in winter at 5.

Owing to the small number of officers and the construction of the prison it is impossible to prevent communication between the prisoners, though loud talking is checked by the warders in the day rooms.

The provisions and stores are provided by contract, the average weekly cost of food being 2*s.* per head. Extra diet has been allowed by order of the surgeon to eight prisoners on an aggregate of 60 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread (Barley).		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs.	lbs.	pts.	pts.
1st - - -	14 0	10 8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd - - -	14 0	10 8	—	—	14	14	7	7	—	—
3rd - - -	14 0	10 8	9	9	14	14	7	7	3	3

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The prisoners work 1st at the treadmill, which is constructed for 12 at one time. There are no partitions on the wheel, and though an officer is always present the supervision is very ineffective.

The power is used for grinding corn. The treadmill labour has lately been discontinued owing to the machinery being in want of repair, and the entire reconstruction of the wheel is intended.

2nd. At a crank pump on which 12 can work, used to raise water for prison purposes.

3rd. At stonebreaking. No special task is assigned, but continuous work is ensured by the presence of a warder.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

The prisoners are employed in picking oakum, and the males have also been occupied in the alterations made in the yards and buildings during the past year.

The service of the prison is also performed, such prisoners being selected as have undergone three months hard labour at the treadmill.

The time allotted to labour is 10 hours in summer and 6 in winter, and 10 hours are allowed for sleep in summer and 14 in winter.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads a selection from the prayer book daily, and performs full service on Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, and preaches a sermon.

He also visits each prisoner once a month.

There is no schoolmaster or schoolmistress, but the prison is fairly well supplied with books.

In the absence of a society for the relief of discharged prisoners an attempt is made to afford a slight aid by private charity, and by the county through the governor.

Prisoners of denominations differing from the Church of England are not always offered the privilege of being visited by their own ministers without originating a request to that effect, but it is understood among the prisoners that such privilege exists.

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison twice weekly or oftener if required. He speaks favourably of the general condition of the prisoners' health, and considers the diet good and sufficient. The quality of the potatoes has not been good. The clothing and bedding are sufficient. No artificial ventilation exists in the prison.

A new house has been built for the matron principally by the prisoners labour.

Plans are on foot for warming and ventilating the prison, when an entire alteration of discipline will take place.

Punishment has been inflicted by stoppage of diet, 10 times on male prisoners, and once on a female.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 24th October, 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	2	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - -	9	—
„ sentenced to penal servitude -	1	1
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Vagrant Act - - -	1	2
For assault - - - -	3	—
Others summarily convicted - -	4	1
Under sentence of court-martial - -	1	—
	21	4
Total - -	25	
Total on the same day last year -	21	4
Total - -	25	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows :—

Males.—Picking oakum, pumping water, and cleaning the prison.

Females.—Washing.

The prison staff includes three male and two female subordinate officers whose united salaries amount to 201*l.* 14*s.*

RADNORSHIRE.

COUNTY PRISON OF PRESTEIGN.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	70	10	80	3	5
Average daily number in custody -	13	2	15	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 21
„ „ female „ „ „ 1
„ „ debtors at any one time - 1

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - -	£508 1*s.* 2*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - -	£33 16*s.* 5*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	14	—	3	—	17
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	8	—	1	—	9
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month -	19	—	—	—	19
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months -	3	1	—	—	4
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ -	6	—	—	—	6
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ -	6	—	1	1	8
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	2	—	—	—	2
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years -	1	—	—	—	1
Penal Servitude of every duration -	1	—	—	—	1

The male prisoners have been employed during the year in stonebreaking, from which no profit has been returned, and the females in washing the prison clothing.

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For criminals—	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells not certified -	22	3	25
Punishment cells not certified -	1	—	1
Yards for exercise - -	3	2	5
For debtors—			
Sleeping cells or rooms -	3	1	4
Day rooms - - -	1	—	1
Yards for exercise - -	1	—	1

None of the cells for criminals are warmed, lighted, ventilated, or provided with bells. The prisoners sleep in beds, rising at 6.30 in summer and at 7 in winter, and retiring at 7 in summer and 6 in winter.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract; the average weekly cost of food per head being 2*s.* 7½*d.*

WEEKLY AMOUNT of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	2¼	2¼
2nd -	10 8	7 14	3	3	14	14	—	—	1	1	2¼	2¼
3rd -	9 10	7 14	12	12	14	14	4	4	2	2	2¼	2¼
4th -	10 8	7 14	21	21	14	14	2	2	3	3	2¼	2¼

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Stone-breaking is the only hard labour in use. The task required to be done is one ton per day. The time allotted to labour is 10 hours in summer and 8 in winter, and 11 hours in summer and 13 in winter are allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain performs service on Sundays, Good Friday, and Christmas Day, and reads prayers on Wednesdays. He also sees each prisoner on admission and discharge, visits the sick daily, and other prisoners when advisable.

There is no schoolmaster or schoolmistress, but the prison is sufficiently supplied with books.

Prisoners of religious denominations differing from the Established Church are not offered the privilege of being visited by their own ministers without originating a request to that effect.

HEALTH.

The surgeon visits the prison twice weekly, and oftener when necessary. The prisoners in general preserve good health. The provisions are excellent and sufficient. The clothing and bedding are also sufficient.

Punishment has been inflicted by confinement in solitary or dark cells twice on male prisoners and once on a female.

The "Prisons' Act" has not been yet put in force in this prison, nor would it be possible to comply with its provisions.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, July 5th, 1866 :—	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	6	1
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	3	1
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	2	—
„ the Vagrant Act	—	1
Debtors from the superior courts	1	—
	12	3
Total	15	
Total on the same day last year	8	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows :—

Males.—Stone breaking	5
Females.—Washing	2

The prison staff includes 1 male and 1 female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 53*l.* 12*s.* per annum.

It is in contemplation to conform to the requirements of the Prison Act either by rebuilding the prison, or by sending the prisoners to be maintained at Hereford County Prison under contract.

SHROPSHIRE

COUNTY PRISON OF SHREWSBURY.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	951	202	1,153	13	92
Average daily number in custody	105	17	122	—	5
Re-committals	55	20	75	—	5

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	134
„ „ female „ „ „	26
„ „ Debtors „ „ „	11

Total ordinary expenditure for the prison - - - £3,338 16*s.* 8*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - £26 1*s.* 1*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	315	12	88	1	416
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	105	7	21	3	136
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month -	128	5	23	—	146
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months -	115	7	21	—	144
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ -	54	1	9	—	64
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ -	56	2	5	—	63
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	43	1	7	—	51
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years -	11	—	1	—	12
Penal Servitude of every duration -	23	—	1	—	24

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Oakum picking - -	8	2	10	1 9 9	—	1 9 9
Tailoring - - -	6	—	6	—	27 5 6	27 5 6
Repairing clogs -	1	—	1	0 0 9	6 4 6	6 5 3
Carpenters - -	1	—	1	—	9 8 0	9 8 0
Blacksmith - -	1	—	1	—	9 0 0	9 0 0
Bricklayers - -	1	—	1	—	8 8 6	8 8 6
Matmakers - -	7	—	7	23 0 9	—	23 0 9
Washing clothes -	—	2	2	—	8 17 0	8 17 0
Total number employed at profitable labour -	25	4	29	24 11 3	69 3 6	93 14 6

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified -	171	23	194
Punishment cells certified -	3	1	4
Reception cells - - -	11	3	14
Yards for exercise - - -	4	2	6
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms -	8	—	—
Day rooms - - -	3	—	—
Yards for exercise. - -	2	—	—

204 of the cells for criminals are warmed and ventilated, 194 are lighted at night, and 198 are provided with bells. Half the prisoners sleep on plank beds and half in hammocks. They rise at 6 a.m. in summer, and at 7 a.m. in winter, and retire at 8 p.m. throughout the year. Plank beds are used by prisoners committed for periods not exceeding seven days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meal.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.
1st - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd - -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
3rd - -	8 12	7 14	6	6	14	14	3 0	3 0	3	3	—	—	—	—
4th - -	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3	—	—	—	—
5th - -	9 10	7 14	16	12	11	11	7 0	3 8	3	3	2¼	2¼	3	3

DIET.

112 prisoners have received extra diet by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 14 days.

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The kinds employed are shot drill, cranks, hard labour machines, and mangling.

The ground for shot drill is calculated for 72 men.

There is a cellular crank in the cells for females, and cranks are used for pumping water on which 24 men can work at one time, are used for pumping water.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

Consists in oakum picking, matmaking, tailoring, clog making, and washing and ironing for females.

The service of the prison is performed by men who have served three months' imprisonment. The selection has hitherto been made by warders.

In summer eight hours are allowed to hard labour of the 1st class, and one hour to that of the 2nd class, and in the winter 6½ and 1½ hours respectively. 10½ hours are allowed for sleep in winter and 9 in summer.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers daily except on Saturdays, and performs two full services on Sunday, and instructs half the prisoners on Tuesday and Friday, and the remaining half on Monday and Thursday. He also sees each prisoner on admission and discharge, and visits them twice a week, and about 25 prisoners on each of four other days of the week. The schoolmaster acts as chapel clerk, and teaches about 40 prisoners daily. The matron also gives instruction, and both officers are qualified and efficient.

There is a good supply of books, but the prisoners have little time for reading.

A prison charity fund exists for the purpose of giving relief to destitute prisoners on their discharge, and sending boys to reformatories.

"Prisoners of a religion differing from the established one may see their ministers if they desire it."

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison daily, and examines the prisoners twice a week. Their general health has been good. The dietary is thought sufficient, and the provisions are of good quality. The prisoners are supplied with sufficient clothing and bedding.

Two deaths have taken place from natural causes, and one lunatic has been removed to an asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted 103 times on male, and 21 times on female prisoners, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Whipping - - -	1		times.
Solitary or dark cells -	24	5	
Stoppage of diet - -	78	16	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 27th October 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination	5	—
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	3	3
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	33	5
Convicted, sentenced to penal servitude	8	—
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	10	6
„ the Vagrant Act	5	2
„ the Juvenile Offenders' Act	1	2
„ the Game Laws	5	—
For assault	10	5
„ Want of Sureties	3	1
Others summarily convicted	6	1
Debtors from the county courts	6	—
	95	25
Total	120	
Total on the same day last year	126	17
Total	143	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows :—

Males.—Picking oakum, all when not otherwise employed.

Matmaking	11
Clog-making	1
At shot drill	33
Pumping water	24
Tailoring	6
Cleaning prison	5
Assisting cook	1
Nurse in infirmary	1

Females.—Making and repairing clothes 2, washing 2, cleaning the prison 2, and 1 nurse.

The prison staff includes 16 male and 3 female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 954*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.*

SOMERSETSHIRE.

COUNTY PRISON OF TAUNTON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	487	102	589	20	36
Average daily number in custody	116	19	135	1	1
Re-committals - - - - -	149	32	181	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 166
" " female " " " 28
" " debtors at any one time - 7

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £6,212 13*s.* 10*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - £30 9*s.* 7*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	63	3	20	—	91
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	46	28	5	5	84
" 14 days " " 1 month -	90	2	30	—	122
" 1 month " " 2 months -	64	—	10	—	74
" 2 months " " 3 " -	30	—	5	—	35
" 3 " " " 6 " -	10	—	2	—	12
" 6 " " " 1 year -	31	—	4	—	35
" 1 year " " 2 years -	11	1	1	—	13
" 2 years - - - - -	1	—	3	—	4
Penal servitude of every duration -	5	—	—	—	5

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treadwheel	36	—	36	—	103 5 0	103 5 0
Shaft pump	6	—	6	—	17 4 0	17 4 0
Cranks	2	—	2	—	—	—
Stone breaking	12	—	12	69 9 0	—	69 9 0
Flax dressing	9	—	9	10 14 3	—	10 14 3
Mat making	10	—	10	125 3 4	—	125 3 4
Oakum picking	4	—	4	11 15 8	—	11 15 8
Tailoring	4	—	4	0 15 10	—	0 15 10
Shoemaking	6	—	6	2 4 0	—	2 4 0
Cleaning	2	—	2	—	15 12 0	15 12 0
At work on the grounds (mason and carpenter)	6	—	6	—	46 8 0	46 8 0
Washing	—	8	8	3 19 0	—	3 19 0
Making and mending prison clothes	—	6	6	—	54 5 0	54 5 0
Cleaning	—	3	3	—	23 8 0	23 8 0
Oakum picking	—	2	2	—	—	—
Total number employed at profitable labour	97	19	116	224 1 1	260 2 0	434 3 1

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified	161	42	203
Punishment cells, certified	4	3	7
Reception cells	3	3	6
Yards for exercise	3	2	5
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	3	1	4
Day rooms	2	1	3
Yards for exercise	2	1	3

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted with gas (except the punishment cells), and provided with bells.

The prisoners sleep on beds placed on plank bedsteads, rising at 6 a.m. and retiring at 10 p.m.

The males sleep without beds for the first two months. The females sleep on iron bedsteads.

When in association prisoners are under the supervision of officers.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are provided by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 6¾*d.* Extra diet has been allowed to 123 prisoners by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 3,873 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1st - - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd - - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd - - -	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10	2¼	2¼
4th - - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th - - -	10 0	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8	3	3

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Class.	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - - - -	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - - - -	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - - - -	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - - - -	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

This consists of, 1st. The treadmill, at which 27 can work at once. The prisoners are divided by partitions, and always under the observation of officers. The power is used for pumping water, and it is intended to grind corn. 2nd. Hard labour machines, or cranks, of which there are 10. 3rd. Cranks for pumping water, at which six prisoners work at once. 4th. Stonebreaking (not tasked). 5th. Flax-dressing and rope-beating.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

The male prisoners are employed in mat-making, oakum picking, tailoring, shoemaking, masonry, carpentry, and painting. The females in washing, cleaning, ironing, knitting, sewing, and oakum picking.

The prison service is performed by prisoners committed for misdemeanour, and those who, having performed three months hard labour of the 1st class, are undergoing hard labour of the 2nd class. The selection is made by the governor. Ten hours daily are allotted to work, and eight hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain visits the prison for at least three hours daily. The schoolmaster attends for 10 hours, and gives such amount of instruction as can be given in the cells out of working hours. The schoolmistress attends six hours daily, chiefly for the instruction of prisoners. Both are competent officers and give satisfaction to the chaplain.

The prison has been well supplied with books.

"Roman Catholic prisoners are requested to receive the visits of a minister of their denomination. Other dissenters are allowed to exercise their own choice."

Health.

The surgeon attends almost daily, and as often as necessary. Each prisoner is seen by him on admission. The prisoners have been healthy during the past year. The dietary is considered to be sufficient, but not more than is required. Sufficient clothing and bedding are supplied to the prisoners. One prisoner has been pardoned on medical grounds, and one lunatic removed to an asylum.

Ten hard labour cranks have been provided, the treadwheel extended and ventilated by a lantern roof, and a bridge carried across from the corridor, enabling prisoners to reach the treadwheel without danger of communication with persons passing the main passage to the prison.

The flax shed has been enlarged, and its ventilation improved. A new mill house has been erected, with store-rooms and all necessary apparatus for grinding corn to make bread for the prison. Two ovens have been erected for baking bread.

The rain water from various roofs of the buildings has been carried by pipes underground to the soft water tanks after passing filtered tanks, and, if fit, will be used for general purposes.

The prisoners received at this prison under contract from the county of Middlesex complain that the treadwheel work is more severe than at Coldbath Fields. It appears that the prisoners at the latter prison being much in excess of the available space upon the wheels are not able to be worked for the same number of hours as they are here.

Punishment has been inflicted 37 times on male, and 10 times on female prisoners, viz. :—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells - -	4	1	times.
Stoppage of diet - -	33	9	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 16th February, 1867 :—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	11	2
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment -	31	8
„ sentenced to penal servitude -	8	1
Government convicts, under contract -	75	—
Convicted summarily,—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	7	3
„ the Vagrant Act - -	3	—
„ the Juvenile Offenders' Act -	1	—
„ the Game Laws - -	5	—
For assault - - - -	3	—
„ want of sureties - - -	1	—
Others summarily convicted - -	1	3
Debtors from the county courts - -	2	—
	148	17
Total - -	165	
Total on the same day last year -	144	18
Total - -	162	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows :—

Males.—Shaft pump - - - -	6
Crank - - - -	9
Flax and rope-beating - -	8
Stone-breaking - - -	8
Oakum-picking - - -	9
Shoemaking - - -	7
Tailoring - - - -	7
Mat-making - - -	54
Mat-weaving - - -	6
Cleaning - - - -	1
Labourers - - -	10

The treadwheel was out of order, the main shaft having been broken by the frost, but was being repaired for use the next week.

Females.—Laundry work	- - -	5
Sewing and knitting	- - -	6
Cleaning	- - - -	1
Oakum picking	- - -	4

The prison staff includes 24 male and four female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 1,208*l.*

COUNTY PRISON OF SHEPTON MALLET.

—	Criminal Prisoners.			County Court Debtors
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	656	115	771	17
Average daily number - - -	108	17	125	—
Re-committals - - - - -	160	29	189	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 133
" " female " " " 24
" " debtors at any one time - 3

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £3,721 18*s.* 5*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - £28 14*s.* 11*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	104	5	17	—	126
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days -	87	6	22	—	115
" 14 days " " 1 month -	173	14	32	5	224
" 1 month " " 2 months -	83	1	11	1	96
" 2 months " " 3 " -	46	4	6	—	56
" 3 " " " 6 " -	40	—	10	—	50
" 6 " " " 1 year -	24	—	5	—	29
" 1 year " " 2 years -	5	—	—	—	5
Penal servitude of every duration -	15	—	—	—	15

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treadwheel	39	—	39	29 7 9½	—	29 7 9½
Hard-labour machines	6	—	6	—	—	—
Rope beating	1	—	1	—	—	—
Stone breaking	14	—	14	34 12 3½	—	34 12 3½
Oakum picking	1	1	2	6 0 10	—	6 0 10
Shoemaking	1	—	1	—	20 13 4	20 13 4
Tailoring	2	—	2	—	23 19 11	23 19 11
Matmaking	9	—	9	57 14 0½	—	57 14 0½
Weaving and mopmaking	2	—	2	1 0 11½	7 0 3	8 1 2½
Services of the prison	8	2	10	—	—	—
Carpenters work	1	—	1	—	31 3 0	31 3 0
Other trades	3	—	3	—	126 16 0	126 16 0
Labourers	3	—	3	—	—	—
Washing, needlework, and knitting	1	9	10	—	174 15 1½	174 15 1½
Total number employed at profitable labour	91	12	103	128 15 10½	384 7 7½	513 3

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells, certified	51	48	99
Do. not certified	109	4	113
Punishment cells, certified	5	—	5
Do. not certified	2	2	4
Reception cells	8	2	10
Yards for exercise	3	3	6
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	5	1	6
Day rooms	1	1	2
Yards for exercise	1	1	2

Fifty-one of the cells for male criminals and 48 of those for females are warmed and ventilated, 124 for males and 14 for females are lighted, and 158 for males and 48 for females are provided with bells.

The prisoners sleep in beds or hammocks. They rise at 6 a.m. and retire at 10 p.m. throughout the year.

Prisoners belonging to classes 1, 2, and 3, sleep on plank beds for the first two months.

During the periods of association prisoners are attended by male and female officers.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, and the average weekly cost of food per head has been about 2*s.*

Extra diet has been allowed by order of the surgeon to 46 prisoners, on an aggregate of 644 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1st - - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd - - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd - - -	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10	2½	2½
4th - - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th - - -	10 0	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8	3	3

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Class.	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - - - -	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - - - -	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - - - -	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - - - -	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

Consists in, 1st. The treadmill, on which 33 prisoners can work, exclusive of reliefs. They are divided by partitions, and also under the supervision of officers. The power is applied to grinding corn. 2nd. Hard-labour machines. 3rd. Cranks worked by one man, two of which are in use for pumping water. 4th. Stone-breaking No task is assigned. 5th. Rope-beating.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class.

The prisoners are employed in oakum or ropepicking, tailoring, shoemaking, matmaking, and weaving.

The service of the prison is performed by prisoners selected by the governor, if possible, from those not sentenced to hard labour.

The time allotted to labour is 10 hours, and 8 are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads a selection of prayers daily, and performs full services on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, with sermons, and gives an address twice a week. In addition to these duties he devotes two hours to work amongst the prisoners daily.

The schoolmaster teaches for four or five hours daily, and the schoolmistress teaches in the cells in the evenings. Both these officers are efficient. The prison is well supplied with religious books, and there are a few of general information.

"Prisoners of a religious denomination differing from the Established Church are readily permitted to see their own ministers, but this is not suggested to them."

Health.

The surgeon attends daily to see newly admitted prisoners and visit the sick. He also sees all the prisoners once a month, and examines them in their cells.

The health of the prisoners has been good during the year.

The surgeon considers that the dietary is sufficient, and not more than sufficient, for maintaining the health of the prisoners, but states those at hard labour lose slightly in strength and weight.

The quality of the provisions is good.

The bedding is sufficient in warm weather, but elderly prisoners suffer from lying on boards two months in the winter.

Two deaths have occurred from natural causes, two prisoners have been pardoned on medical grounds, and one has been removed to a lunatic asylum.

A prisoner escaped on the 18th January last, but was recaptured the same day.

Punishment has been inflicted 129 times on males and once on a female prisoner, viz. :—

	Males.	Females.	
Irons or handcuffs - -	1	—	times.
Solitary or dark cells - -	33	1	
Stoppage of diet - -	95	—	

The prison staff includes 22 male and three female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 1,090*l.* 8*s.*

BATH CITY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Committed in the year - - -	256	152	408	—	20
Average daily number in custody-	38	19	57	—	—
Re-committals - - -	117	78	195	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 53
" " female " " " 29
" " debtors " " " 3

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £2,482 0*s.* 8*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £41 14*s.* 0*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	58	13	49	—	120
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days -	35	18	19	3	75
" 14 days " " 1 month -	28	3	28	3	62
" 1 month " " 2 months -	29	1	16	2	48
" 2 months " " 3 " -	14	1	8	1	24
" 3 " " " 6 " -	20	—	10	—	30
" 6 " " " 1 year -	6	1	3	—	10
" 1 year " " 2 years -	2	—	3	—	5
Penal Servitude of every duration - -	3	—	2	—	5

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Stone breaking, oakum picking, pumping water, cleaning prison, laundry work, making and mending prison clothing	36	19	55	105 0 10	50 0 0	155 0 10

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	77	36	113
Punishment cells certified -	1	1	2
„ „ not certified -	2	1	3
Yards for exercise - - -	13	9	22
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	1	1	2
Day rooms - - - -	1	1	2
Yards for exercise - -	1	1	2

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and provided with bells.

The prisoners sleep in hammocks, rising at 5.30 a.m. and retiring at 9 p.m. throughout the year. Plank beds are used by prisoners undergoing first-class hard labour during the first two months of imprisonment.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract; the average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 7¼*d.*

Extra diet has been received by seven prisoners by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 258 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	pints.	pints.
1st -	112	112	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd -	168	126	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1	—	—
3rd -	140	126	6	6	14	14	64	64	2	2	—	—
4th -	168	126	12	12	14	14	32	32	3	3	—	—
5th -	154	126	16	12	11	11	112	56	3	3	3	3

Labour and Employment.

As hard labour of the first class the prisoners work at stone-breaking, at which no task is imposed, and at pumping water.

As second class hard labour they are employed in oakum-picking and cleaning the prison.

The necessary service of the prison is performed by prisoners of the second class, and when necessary by those

of the first class. The selection is made by the governor, subject to the approval of the visiting justices.

Nine hours per day are devoted to labour, and eight hours and a half are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers and visits the sick daily, and generally gives religious instruction after prayers. He performs two services on Sundays and great festivals, and preaches a sermon. Four hours a day are occupied by these duties in the prison.

The schoolmaster attends chapel on Sundays, and on week-days from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 2 to 3 p.m. and from 6.30 to 8 p.m., except on Saturdays, when he attends from 8 a.m. to 1. For a portion of his time he is employed as clerk to the governor.

The schoolmistress who is also a warder instructs the prisoners in their cells from 1 to 5 p.m. Both these officers are efficient. The prison is well supplied with books.

Prisoners needing assistance on leaving the prison are relieved by the "Bath Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society." See Annual Report of the Society.

"Prisoners are asked on admission of what religious "sect they are, and whether, if a minister of their religious "sect should come to visit prisoners, they desire to see him. "Romish priests only have visited."

Health.

The surgeon attends the prison daily. The health of the prisoners is generally good. The dietary is considered to be sufficient, but not more abundant than is required by prisoners at hard labour. The provisions are of good quality, and the clothing and bedding are sufficient.

Two pardons have been granted on medical grounds.

Three new exercise yards have been added for female prisoners. A treadwheel is in process of construction.

Punishment has been inflicted 24 times on males, and once on a female prisoner, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells - -	—	1	times.
Stoppage of diet - -	24	—	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 28th Feb. 1867:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	7	5
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	9	4
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	12	7
For assault and want of sureties	9	3
Deserters awaiting a route	1	—
Debtors from the county courts	1	—
	39	19
Total	58	
Total on the same day last year	44	17
Total	61	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Stone-breaking	14
Picking oakum	9
Cutting-up junk	1
Tailoring	1
Cooking	1
Cleaning	1

Females.—Washing and needlework.

The prison staff includes nine male and three female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 629*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*

SOUTHAMPTON.

WINCHESTER COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	1,199	211	1,410	46	66
Average daily number in custody	250	32	282	—	—
Re-committals	282	51	333	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 313
" " female " " " 43
" " debtors " " " 14

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - -	£7,443 16*s.* 11*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - -	£25 4*s.* 10*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	105	23	40	3	171
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days - -	139	27	24	9	199
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month -	303	20	37	4	364
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months -	172	14	21	3	210
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ -	92	1	9	1	103
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ -	85	1	11	—	97
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	56	—	4	—	60
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years -	32	—	2	—	34
„ 2 years - - - - -	1	—	—	—	1
Penal Servitude of every duration - -	19	—	1	—	20

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Oakum picking and beating	50	10	60	214 7 10	—	214 7 10
Matmaking - - -	12	—	12	16 5 3	—	16 5 3
Grinding - - -	150	—	150	95 0 1	46 9 8	141 9 9
Tailoring - - -	3	—	3	—	55 19 0	55 19 0
Shoemaking - - -	3	—	3	—	59 9 0	59 9 0
Female clothing and men's shirts - - -	—	2	2	—	29 1 7	29 1 7
Mending clothes - -	—	18	18	—	31 4 0	31 4 0
Washing - - -				—	530 14 5	530 14 5
Gardening - - -	4	—	4	—	5 7 3	5 7 3
Total number employed at profitable labour -	222	30	252	325 13 2	758 4 11	1,083 18 1

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	315	59	374
Punishment cells certified -	8	4	12
Reception cells - -	17	6	23
Yards for exercise - -	1	1	2
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	29	4	33
Day rooms - - -	4	1	5
Yards for exercise - -	2	1	3

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, and provided with bells, and with the exception of four reserved for destructive prisoners, all are lighted at night.

The prisoners sleep in hammocks, Class 1 excepted, in which plank beds are used.

When prisoners are associated at labour they are under the continual supervision of an officer. When associated, by order of the surgeon, they are frequently visited.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are provided by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head has been 2*s.* 2*d.* Extra diet has been received by 58 prisoners by order of the surgeon on an aggregate of 4,444 days. Prisoners under 14 years of age are allowed the same diet as females, with the exception of bread, which is 1 lb. daily.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Cheese.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.
1st -	10 8	10 8	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
2nd -	10 8	10 8	—	—	14	14	2 0	2 0	4	4	3	3	—	—
3rd -	10 8	10 8	6	6	14	14	3 0	2 0	3	3	3	3	—	—
4th -	10 8	10 8	12	9	10	10	3 0	3 0	3	3	3	3	4	4

Labour and Employment.

Hard Labour of the First Class.

The kinds in use are: 1st, the treadmill which is constructed for 48 at one time; they are divided by partitions and are always under the supervision of an officer while at work and while resting. One officer has charge of 12 prisoners and three reliefs. The power is applied to grinding corn and pumping water; 2d, hard labour machines are used where there is a greater number of prisoners than can be employed on the treadwheel and cranks. The power is applied to the same purpose. 3d, stonebreaking, where broken stones are required for the use of the prison; 4th, oakum beating.

Hard Labour of the Second Class.

Consists in oakum-picking, mat-making, weaving, trades, and prison fatigues.

The service of the prison is performed by classes 4 & 5,

i.e., prisoners who through industry have reached these classes.

The minimum time in which class 4 can be reached is 5½ months, and in the case of class 5, 11 months from admission. The selection is made by the governor.

The prisoners work for nine hours daily, class 1 for 10 hours.

Eight hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and performs two services on Sunday. He sees all prisoners on admission and discharge, and visits them daily when sick or in punishment, and at other times at his discretion. He examines the male and female schools frequently. The chaplain also conducts the correspondence relating to the gratuities allowed prisoners for marks. His duties occupy upwards of five hours daily.

There are two schoolmasters, and the matron acts as schoolmistress. The schoolmasters are engaged for six or seven hours daily, and all these officers give satisfaction to the chaplain.

The prison is well supplied with books.

There is a society for the relief of prisoners on discharge, the income of which is about 40*l.* per annum.

"All Roman Catholic prisoners are visited by a Roman "Catholic minister appointed under the Prison Ministers "Act without any request on the prisoners' part. Other "classes of dissenters are required to make a request to see "a minister of their own persuasion."

Health.

The surgeon attends daily. The health of the prisoners has been good. The dietary is considered to be sufficient and not more than sufficient for maintaining the health of the prisoners, and the quality of the provisions is good. There has been sufficient clothing and bedding.

Two deaths have occurred from natural causes, and one prisoner has committed suicide.

One prisoner has been pardoned on medical grounds, and five lunatics have been transferred to asylums.

Punishment has been inflicted 392 times on male, and 134 times on female prisoners; viz.—

	Males.	Females.	
Whipping - - -	1	—	times.
Solitary or dark cells - -	9	5	
Stoppage of diet - - -	382	129	

In 323 cases the offence was neglect of work.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 29th August 1866:—

	Males.	Fmales.
For re-examination	2	—
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	25	3
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	99	15
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	27	5
„ the Vagrant Act	5	4
„ the Juvenile Offenders Act	3	1
„ the Game Laws	1	—
For Assault	15	2
„ Want of sureties	12	2
Others summarily convicted	32	—
Deserters awaiting a route	1	—
Debtors from the superior courts	4	—
	226	32
Total	258	
Total on the same day last year	267	27
Total	294	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Treadwheel		63
Cranks		30
Rope-beating		5
Oakum-picking		33
Mat-making		7
Prison fatigue		19
Gardening		5
Tailoring		1
Carpentering		2
Painting		1
Shoemaking		1
Smith		1
Cooking		1
Baking		1
Females.—Oakum-picking		11
Laundry		9
Prison fatigues		1

The prison staff includes 33 male and 4 female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 2,081*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*

PORTSMOUTH BOROUGH PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	629	338	967	63
Average daily number in custody -	49	21	70	2
Re-committals - - - - -	124	135	259	8

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 80
" " female " " " 29
" " debtors at any one time 5

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - £1,766 7*s.* 9*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £24 10*s.* 7*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	151	32	123	4	310
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	105	9	49	2	165
" 14 days " " 1 month -	82	4	62	2	150
" 1 month " " 2 months -	24	1	9	—	34
" 2 months " " 3 " -	18	—	7	—	25
" 3 " " " 6 " -	22	—	8	—	30
" 6 " " " 1 year -	10	—	4	—	14
" 1 year " " 2 years -	2	—	—	—	2
Penal Servitude of every duration -	4	—	—	—	4

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	
				£ *s.* *d.*
Picking oakum - - - - -	—	—	—	17 17 0

NOTE.—All able-bodied prisoners sentenced to hard labour have been employed on treadmill, and picking oakum, washing, and cleaning prison. No special record has been kept of the daily labour of each prisoner.

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	47	21	68
Punishment cells not certified -	3	1	4
Yards for exercise - - -	7	3	10
For debtors,—			
Sleeping rooms or cells - -	1	—	1
Day rooms - - -	1	—	1
Yards for exercise - -	1	—	1

Twenty-five of the cells for criminals are warmed, and 22 are ventilated. None of them are lighted or provided with bells.

The prisoners sleep in beds. They rise in summer at 6 a.m. and in winter from that hour to ½ past 7. They are locked up at sunset throughout the year.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 4*d.*

Extra diet has been allowed by order of the surgeon to 10 prisoners on an aggregate of 335 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	5¼	5¼
2nd -	7 14	7 14	3	3	14	14	0 3	0 3	1	1	5¼	5¼
3rd -	7 14	7 14	12	12	14	14	3 14	3 14	2	2	5¼	5¼
4th -	7 14	7 14	21	21	14	14	2 9	2 9	3	3	5¼	5¼
5th -	7 14	7 14	25	21	14	14	7 9	4 1	3	3	5¼	5¼

Labour and Employment.

As hard labour of the 1st Class the prisoners work on the treadmill which is constructed for 8 at one time.

The prisoners are divided by partitions and are always under the observation of an officer. The power is applied to pumping water for the prison.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads a selection of prayers daily with an exposition of Scripture and performs two services on Sunday, He sees each prisoner on admission and discharge, and visits

them daily when sick or under punishment. The prison is well supplied with books.

"Prisoners of other denominations differing from the "Established Church are not offered the privilege of being "visited by their own ministers without originating a request "to that effect."

Health.

The surgeon attends the prison daily. The prisoners have enjoyed good health. The diet is considered to be sufficient, and not more than sufficient, and the quality of the provisions is good. The prisoners are supplied with sufficient clothing and bedding.

One prisoner has been removed to a lunatic asylum, and one death has taken place from natural causes.

Thermometers are not kept in the prison as required by Rule 3 of Schedule 1 of the Prisons Act.

The dress for prisoners before trial is the same as that of convicted prisoners, which is contrary to Rule 20.

The construction of the prison is not adapted to Rule 34, which is not therefore carried out.

Punishment has been inflicted 38 times on male and 9 times on female prisoners, viz:

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells - -	16	2	times.
Stoppage of diet - - -	22	7	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection 16th July 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination - - -	4	3
Convicted at sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - -	22	11
„ sentenced to penal servitude -	1	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act - -	7	6
„ the Vagrant Act - -	1	7
Others summarily convicted - -	9	4
Deserters awaiting a route - -	1	—
Debtors from the county courts - -	2	—
	47	31
Total - -	78	
Total on the same day last year -	45	19
Total	64	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males:—Treadmill (pumping water)	-	16
Picking oakum - -	-	—
Cleaning - -	-	—
Cooking - -	-	1

Females.—Washing, picking oakum.

The prison staff includes four male and two female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 315*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.*

SOUTHAMPTON TOWN PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	390	159	549	7	14
Average daily number in custody-	42	16	58	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	72	46	118	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	59
" " female " " "	19
" " debtors at any one time	4

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - -	£1,506 6*s.* 0*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	£25 14*s.* 9¼*d*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	90	1	58	2	151
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	29	8	17	1	55
" 14 days " " 1 month -	70	9	34	1	114
" 1 month " " 2 months -	29	7	10	—	46
" 2 months " " 3 months -	18	8	5	4	30
" 3 " " " 6 " -	30	—	10	—	40
" 6 " " " 1 year -	4	—	2	—	6
" 1 year " " 2 years -	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Picking oakum and hair -	16	—	16	32 10 0	—	32 10 0
Shoemaking, tailoring, gardening, cleaning, whitewashing, and painting -	5	—	5	—	39 0 0	39 0 0
Washing, making, and mending clothes, cleaning, &c. - - -	—	13	13	—	55 4 0	55 4 0
Total number employed at profitable labour -	21	13	34	32 10 0	94 4 0	126 14 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified -	66	35	101
Punishment cells certified -	3	2	5
Reception cells - -	2	2	4
Yards for exercise - -	1	1	2
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms -	8	3	11
Day rooms - - -	2	1	3
Yards for exercise - -	2	1	3

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and provided with bells.

The prisoners sleep in hammocks and rise at 5.45 a.m., retiring at 8.15 p.m. throughout the year.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract.

The average weekly cost of food per head is in class 1, 1*s.* 2½*d.*, class 2, 2*s.* 0½*d.*, class 3, 2*s.* 8*d.*

Extra diet has been allowed to 13 by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 437 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
2nd - -	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	—	—	3	3
3rd - -	10 8	7 14	24	24	14	14	3 8	3 8	3	3

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

As hard labour of the first class, the prisoners work on the treadmill, which is constructed for 10 at one time, divided by partitions and attended by an officer. No use is made of the power. Hard labour machines are also used for 20 prisoners at once; the labour is unproductive.

Hard labour of the 2nd class consists in picking oakum and hair, tailoring, shoemaking, &c.

The prison service is performed by prisoners who have undergone 1st class labour, and by those who are unfit for labour, selected by the visiting justices or surgeon.

The period allotted to labour is 10 hours, and 9 hours are allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain reads prayers and expounds daily, and performs two services on Sunday. The scholastic duties are efficiently discharged by the head warder and matron. The chaplain holds classes for the scriptural instruction of juvenile prisoners.

"Every opportunity is afforded to prisoners of other "denominations of being visited by their minister."

HEALTH.

The surgeon attends daily, and examines each prisoner on admission. The prisoners are generally healthy. The diet is considered sufficient, and the provisions are generally good in quality. The clothing and bedding are sufficient.

The daily period of labour has been increased and the Rules of Schedule 1. adopted and enforced.

Punishment has been inflicted by confinement in solitary or dark cells 28 times on male and 3 times on female prisoners.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 28th August 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination	3	—
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	4	1
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	7	4
Portsmouth prisoners, under contract	—	2
Convicted summarily,—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	16	7
For assault	3	1
Others summarily convicted	21	5
Deserters awaiting a route	1	—
Debtors from the superior courts	1	—
„ from the county courts	1	—
	57	20
Total	77	
Total on the same day last year	49	13
Total	62	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows :—

Males.—	Treadmill	19
	Cranks	1
	Picking oakum, and horse hair	16
	Unemployed	13
	Cleaning, &c.	3
	Tailoring	1
	Repairing hammocks	1
	Assistant cook and engineer	1
Females.—	Washing	5
	Knitting	4
	Cleaning	2
	Needlework	4

The prison staff includes 6 male and 3 female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 520*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*

SUFFOLK.

BURY ST. EDMUND'S COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	353	57	410	3	11
Average daily number in custody	51	7	58	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	118	8	126	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 69
" " female " " " 12
" " debtors at any one time - 3

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £2,010 16*s.* 4*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings £34 8*s.* 1*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	61	10	15	1	87
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	64	13	13	—	90
" 14 days " " 1 month -	75	5	14	—	94
" 1 month " " 2 months -	51	2	3	—	56
" 2 months " " 3 " -	38	—	3	—	41
" 3 " " " 6 " -	16	—	6	—	22
" 6 " " " 1 year -	6	—	2	—	8
" 1 year " " 2 years -	1	—	—	—	1
" 2 years - - - - -	1	—	—	—	1
Penal servitude of every duration -	5	—	—	—	5

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Remarks.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£. s. d.	
Treadwheel	30	—	30	—	The value of the work done for the Prison has been omitted, its having been thought that the estimate of it was too high.
Corn mills	2	—	2	5 3 6	
Oakum picking	3	—	3	—	
Tailor	1	—	1	—	
Shoemaker	1	—	1	—	
Cook and baker	2	—	2	—	
Carpenter	1	—	1	—	
Cleaners	3	—	3	—	
Washing and mending	—	5	5	—	
Pumping water	2	—	2	—	
Total number employed at labour	45	5	51	5 3 6	

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified	15	—	15
Ditto not certified	81	18	99
Punishment cells certified	1	2	3
Reception cells	3	1	4
Yards for exercise	9	3	12
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	9	1	10
Day rooms	2	1	3
Yards for exercise	2	1	3

15 of the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, and lighted, and 18 are furnished with bells.

The prisoners sleep in beds, and rise at 6 a.m. and retire at 6 p.m. in summer. The winter hours vary according to the season.

When prisoners are in association officers are present in each ward.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are provided by contract, and the average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 5¾*d.*

The dietary is that recommended by the Secretary of State in 1864.

Labour and Employment.

As hard labour of the 1st class the prisoners work on the treadmill, which is constructed for 40 at one time. They are not separated on the wheel, but are under some observation by an officer, but not sufficient to prevent communication. The power is applied to pumping water.

Hard labour of the 2nd class consists of tailoring, shoemaking, cleaning, oakum picking, washing, and mending.

The service of the prison is performed by the best behaved prisoners, recommended by the governor to the visiting justices.

The time allotted to work is 10 hours in summer and eight in winter. Nine hours are allowed for sleep in summer.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain is occupied about three hours daily in the duties of the prison. He performs two services on Sunday and preaches once. The schoolmaster attends for five hours daily, and gives satisfaction to the chaplain. There is an adequate supply of books.

"Prisoners of different religious denominations to the "Established Church are never refused the privilege of being "visited by their own ministers whether they request it or "not."

Health.

The surgeon as a rule attends twice weekly, but as much oftener as required.

The health of the prisoners has been better this year than usual, though generally satisfactory.

The dietary is considered to be sufficient but not excessive, and the quality of the provisions is good.

The prisoners have sufficient clothing and bedding.

Two prisoners have died from natural causes.

Punishment has been inflicted 29 times on male prisoners, viz.:—

Solitary or dark cells - - -	4	times.
Stoppage of diet - - - -	25	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, August 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	7	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	17	9
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	2	1
„ the Vagrant Act	1	—
„ the Game Laws	3	—
For assault	1	—
Others summarily convicted	—	1
Debtors from the superior courts	2	—
	33	11
Total	44	
Total on the same day last year	42	3
Total	45	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows :—

Males.—Treadmill (pumping water)	13
Shoemaker	1
Corn mill	2
Oakum picking	2
Cooking	1
Baker	1
Cleaning	3
Females.—Washing and mending.	

The prison staff includes nine male and two female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 491*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*

IPSWICH COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	372	46	418	11	21
Average daily number in custody	59	8	67	—	3
Re-committals	143	11	154	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	82
„ „ female „ „ „	13
„ „ Debtors „ „ „	8

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - -	£1,831 15*s.* 5*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - -	£26 0*s.* 3*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	59	13	9	1	82
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	45	16	4	—	65
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month -	81	8	10	2	101
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months -	42	—	9	1	52
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ -	43	—	4	—	47
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ -	20	—	2	—	22
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	10	—	1	—	11
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years -	4	—	—	—	4
„ 2 years - - - - -	1	—	—	—	1
Penal Servitude of every duration -	3	—	1	—	4

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£ *s.* *d.*		£ *s.* *d.*
Oakum picking, &c. -	41	2	43	—	—	—
Cranks - - -	4	—	4	55 11 7	121 18 6	177 10 1
Carpenter - -	1	—	1	—	—	—
Tailor - - -	1	—	1	—	—	—
Shoemaking - -	1	—	1	—	—	—
Bath house, &c. - -	2	—	2	—	—	—
Pump - - -	3	—	3	—	—	—
Washing and sewing -	6	—	6	—	—	—
Total number employed at labour -	59	2	61			

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For criminals,—	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells not certified -	117	27	144
Punishment cell not certified -	1	—	1
Reception cells - - - -	6	—	6
Yards for exercise - - -	6	1	7
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	10	—	10
Day rooms - - - -	2	1	3
Yards for exercise - - -	1	—	1

The prisoners sleep in beds and rise in summer at 5.30 a.m. and at 6.30 in winter, retiring at 8.30 throughout the year. When in association the prisoners are under the supervision of officers.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head has been 1*s.* 7¾*d.*

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2
2nd	8 0	6 10	—	—	7	7	2 4	1 2
3rd	9 0	7 10	13½	13½	14	14	3 12	2 10
4th	9 14	7 10	18	18	14	14	4 8	3 6
5th	10 0	8 2	18	18	14	14	6 0	4 8

(*continued*)

Class.	Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd	2½	2½	—	—	2	2	1 8	1 2	—	—
4th	3	3	1	1	3	2	2 4	1 8	—	—
5th	3	3	2	2	3	2	2 4	1 8	—	—

Labour and Employment.

As hard labour of the 1st class, the prisoners work at hard labour machines and cranks.

Second class labour consists in picking oakum and the general work of the prison.

For the prison service the governor selects prisoners at his discretion.

Eight hours per day are devoted to labour, and 9 hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain performs two services on Sunday, and preaches once. He reads prayers daily, and preaches on

Wednesday, and attends the school five days in the week to instruct the prisoners in classes. The sick and solitary are visited by him daily.

The schoolmaster attends on week days from 10 to 12 and from 2 to 4.45 in summer, and from 2 to 4 in winter. The schoolmistress attends on week days from 4 to 6. Both efficient, well qualified, and discharge their duties properly. There is a good supply of books.

"Prisoners of denominations differing from the Established "Church are offered the privilege of being visited by their "own ministers."

Health.

The surgeon attends daily and sees all the prisoners twice a week. Their health has been good during the past year. The dietary is considered sufficient, and the provisions are of good quality. The prisoners are sufficiently provided with clothing and bedding.

One prisoner has died from natural causes.

Punishment has been inflicted 509 times on male, and 10 times on female prisoners, viz:—

	Males.	Females.	
Irons or handcuffs	1	—	times.
Solitary or dark cells	1	—	
Stoppage of diet	507	10	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 1st August 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	7	1
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	17	4
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	3	1
„ the Game Laws	3	—
For assault	1	—
„ want of sureties	1	—
Others summarily convicted	16	—
Debtors from the superior courts	4	—
	54	6
Total	60	
Total on the same day last year	52	7
Total	59	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Oakum picking.
Shoemaking.
Tailoring.
Carpentry.

So that there are none employed in hard labour of the 1st class.

The prison staff includes eight male and four female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 557*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*

IPSWICH BOROUGH PRISON.

—	Criminal Prisoners.			County Court.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Debtors, Male & Female.
Prisoners committed in the year -	174	29	203	8
Average daily number in custody -	21	4	25	—
Re-committals - - - - -	31	3	34	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 32
" " female " " " 6
" " debtors at any one time - 2

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £720 9*s.* 5*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - £28 3*s.* 9*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	20	7	7	1	35
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	8	2	—	—	10
" 14 days " " 1 month -	34	5	5	—	44
" 1 month " " 2 months -	15	—	6	—	21
" 2 months " " 3 " -	8	—	1	—	9
" 3 " " " 6 " -	10	—	1	—	11
" 6 " " " 1 year -	9	—	—	—	9
" 1 year " " 2 years -	6	—	—	—	6
Penal servitude of every duration -	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	
				£ s. d.
Oakum picking - - - -	14	—	14	15 15 4
Washing, mending, &c. - - -	—	3	3	—
Total number employed at profitable labour - - - - -	14	3	17	15 15 4

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	25	12	37
Punishment cells not certified -	1	—	1
Reception cells - - -	1	1	2
Yards for exercise - - -	2	1	3
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	4	—	4
Day room - - - -	1	—	1
Yard for exercise - -	1	—	1

The prisoners sleep in beds and rise at 6 a.m., retiring at 9 p.m.

When in association the prisoners are in charge of an officer.

DIET.

Bread and flour are purchased by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 1*s.* 10¼*d.* Extra diet has been received by one prisoner, by order of the surgeon, on 261 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
1st - - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd - - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	7	7	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd - - -	9 0	7 10	—	—	14	14	3 12	2 10	2½	2½
4th - - -	9 14	7 10	—	—	14	14	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th - - -	10 0	8 2	—	—	14	14	6 0	4 8	3	3

WEEKLY AMOUNT of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour—(*continued.*)

Class.	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - - - -	—	—	1	1	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - - - -	—	—	2		1 8	1 2	—	—
4th - - - -	1	1	3	2	2 4	1 8	—	—
5th - - - -	2	2	3	2	2 4	1 8	—	—

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

The prisoners are employed in oakum picking, washing, mending, &c. The service of the prison is performed by prisoners who have been the longest time in confinement, if well conducted. The selection is made by the governor, under the sanction of the visiting justices.

The prisoners are employed for nine hours daily, and the same period is allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and performs two services and preaches on Sundays. He visits each prisoner on admission and discharge, and a certain number daily in their cells, and superintends the schools.

The schoolmaster and schoolmistress are engaged in their duties for 10 hours each weekly. They are well qualified officers, and give satisfaction to the chaplain.

The prison is well supplied with books.

Prisoners of religious denominations differing from the Established Church are "invariably, on reception into prison," offered the privilege of being visted by their own ministers, without originating a request to that effect.

HEALTH.

The surgeon visits the prison twice in the week, and daily if necessary. The health of the prisoners has been generally good. The diet is considered to be sufficient, and the provisions are of good quality.

The prisoners are supplied with sufficient clothing and bedding.

One death has taken place from natural causes, and one prisoner has been pardoned on medical grounds.

Punishment has been inflicted 44 times on male, and 3 times on female prisoners, viz. :—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells - -	39	—	} times.
Stoppage of diet - -	5	3	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 1st August, 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	2	—
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - -	11	1
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	1	—
„ the Vagrant Act - -	1	—
Deserters awaiting a route - -	2	—
	17	1
Total - - -	18	
Total on the same day last year -	18	2
Total - - -	20	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows :—

Males.—Oakum picking.
Females.—Washing and mending.

The prison staff includes two male and three female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 140*l.* 8*s.*

SURREY.

COUNTY PRISON OF SURREY IN HORSEMONGER LANE.

—	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	2,837	946	3,783	164	188
Average daily number in custody -	94	33	127	12	5
Re-committals - - - - -	820	245	1,065	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 152
" " female " " " 53
" " debtors at any one time - 32

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £5,615 2*s.* 10*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £38 19*s.* 10*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	147	10	114	3	274
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	123	2	24	3	152
" 14 days " " 1 month -	129	1	57	2	189
" 1 month " " 2 months -	33	—	14	—	47
" 2 months " " 3 " -	19	—	14	—	33
" 3 " " " 6 " -	16	—	3	—	19
" 6 " " " 1 year -	2	—	1	—	3
Penal servitude of every duration -	108	—	18	—	126

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	
				£ *s.* *d.*
The male convicted prisoners are employed in picking oakum, and whitewashing and painting the prison. Untried prisoners also whitewash and paint, and do many necessary repairs about the prison, as carpenters, bricklayers, and other work. The female prisoners of all classes wash and mend the bedding and clothing - - - - -	20	15	35	3 15 0
Total number employed at profitable labour - - - - -	20	15	35	3 15 0

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	144	44	188
Punishment cells certified -	1	1	2
Reception cells - - -	8	9	17
Yards for exercise - - -	2	1	3
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	51	4	55
Day rooms - - - -	2	1	3
Yards for exercise - - -	2	1	3

Twelve of the certified cells for males and seven of those for females are large rooms or cells occasionally used for association if necessary.

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and fitted with bells.

The criminal prisoners sleep in hammocks, excepting in the infirmary, where beds are used. The hour for rising is 6 a.m. and that for retiring 9 p.m. throughout the year.

The prisoners during exercise are constantly attended by warders, and if unavoidably prisoners are placed in association they are frequently visited.

Diet.

The provisions and stores (except where the quantity required is small) are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head has been 2*s.* 8*d.* Six prisoners (females) have received extra diet, by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 789 days.

Labour and Employment.

Convicted prisoners are employed in picking oakum, the task being 2 lbs. per day.

The service of the prison is performed by prisoners under sentence of imprisonment without hard labour. Untried prisoners are frequently employed at their own request. The selection is made by the governor.

Nine hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain performs two services on Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, and preaches a sermon. On week days he reads a selection of prayers and portions of Holy Scripture. He sees all prisoners in private, and visits the sick.

The schoolmaster and schoolmistress teach reading, writing, and arithmetic, and take charge of the books. The former

acts as chapel clerk, and both are warders. These officers are well qualified, and give satisfaction to the chaplain. The prison is well supplied with books.

The Surrey Society for the Aid of Discharged Prisoners renders assistance when required, but as convicted prisoners are not permanently confined in this prison this is seldom the case.

"Prisoners of a different religious denomination have every facility of being visited by their own ministers, and the suggestion is occasionally made to that effect. It is not, however, the general practice to make any such suggestion."

Health.

The surgeon visits the prison daily, and examines all prisoners on admission, and visits the sick. The prisoners "all appear healthy." The dietary is considered sufficient, and the provisions are of good quality. Good clothing is supplied to the prisoners.

One prisoner has died from natural causes, and five lunatics have been transferred to asylums.

Punishment has been inflicted 103 times on males, and eight times on females, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells - -	—	1	times.
Stoppage of diet - -	103	7	

The prison staff includes 18 male and five female subordinate officers, whose united salaries amount to 1,776*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*

WANDSWORTH.—COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

—	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year -	3,501	1,202	4,703
Average daily number in custody -	550	149	699
Re-committals - - - - - -	1,132	512	1,644

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 619
" " female " " " 176

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £16,001 0*s.* 0*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £21 19*s.* 10*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	454	97	315	8	874
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	604	93	299	6	1,002
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month -	601	184	148	11	944
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months -	287	61	100	14	462
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ -	340	77	107	8	532
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ -	207	80	94	6	387
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	266	33	50	1	350
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years -	101	10	35	—	146

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Average Number Employed.			Net Profit.	Description of Employment.	Estimated Value.
	M.	F.	Total.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Picking oakum and coir	140	60	200	293 0 0	MALES.	
Grinding corn - -	135	—	135	126 19 6	Tailors employed making and repairing clothes.	80 2 8
Bakers - - - -	4	—	4	15 10 0		
Mat and sack making and tubbing oakum.	310	—	310	140 7 0	Shoemakers employed making and repairing shoes.	47 2 3
Sundry trades - -	—	—	—	54 18 5		
Bricklayers, 2; carpenters, 3.	5	—	5		Mechanics work, making and repairs for prison, at 1s. per diem.	94 2 0
Bookbinder, 1; cutler, 1	2	—	2			
Cooks, 4; stokers, 2 -	6	—	6			
Engineers, 2; gardeners and wheat smutters, 6.	—	—	—		Sundry trades, including bricklayers, bookbinder, painters, tinman, and other trades, at 1s. per diem.	186 6 0
Cleaners - - -	29	12	41			
Painters, 2; printing, 1	3	—	3			
Shoemaking, 5; stores, 3	8	—	8			
Tailors, 7; tinman, 1; brushmaker, 1.	9	—	9			
Pumping water - -	72	—	72		Pumping water for the use of prison, at 3d. per diem.	93 12 0
Cooper, 1; woodcutter, 1	2	—	2			
Clerks office - - -	1	—	1		Labourers, cooks, stokers, woodcutters, and gardeners, at 3d. per diem.	234 13 6
Washing and laundry work.	—	30	30			
Needlework - - -	—	35	35			
Knitting - - -	—	9	9		Grinding wheat for prison, at 3d. per diem.	175 10 0
					Storekeeper's officeman, clerk's officeman, and printer, 2s. 6d. per diem.	117 11 0
					FEMALES.	
					Washing, ironing, and mangling, at 7d. per diem.	255 10 0
					Making various articles of clothing for prison.	42 13 8
					Repairing prisoners' clothing.	60 8 0
Total net profit - £				630 14 11	Total estimated value £	1,387 11 1
					Total both £2,018 6s. 0d.	

Accommodation for prisoners :—

For criminals,—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells certified - -	745	244	989
Do. not certified -	1	1	2
Punishment cells certified -	14	8	22
Reception cells - - -	16	8	24
Yards for exercise - -	2	2	4

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and furnished with bells. The prisoners sleep in hammocks and rise at 5.30 a.m., and retire at 9 p.m. throughout the year.

Plank beds have hitherto only been used in exceptional cases of punishment, but it is proposed to use them for all male convicted prisoners during the last month of their imprisonment, and for all prisoners under punishment.

When in association the prisoners are under the supervision of officers.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are partly supplied by contract.

The average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 6¼*d.*

Extra diet has been received by 196 male and 22 female prisoners by order of the surgeon.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.
1st - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	4½	4½	—	—
2nd - -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1	4½	4½	—	—
3rd - -	8 12	7 14	12	12	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2	4½	4½	—	—
4th - -	10 8	7 14	21	21	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3	4½	4½	—	—
5th - -	9 10	7 14	25	21	11	11	7 0	3 8	3	3	4½	4½	3	3

Labour and Employment.

Prisoners undergoing hard labour of the first class are employed at hard labour machines, of which there are 100 in the prison ; in pumping water and grinding corn by cranks, of which there are sufficient to occupy 36 prisoners at once in the former, and 20 in the latter case, in addition to 27 single hand corn mills ; and in matmaking in looms, smutting and porterage of wheat, tubbing oakum, bricklaying, baking, and gardening.

Hard labour of the second class consists in mat and sack making, oakum picking, cooking, cleaning, and light trades for the males, and washing and laundry work, sack making, oakum or coir picking, needlework, knitting and cleaning for the females.

The prison service is performed by prisoners who have served more than three months of their sentences. The selection is made by the governor for the sanction of the visiting justices.

The time allotted to labour is 10 hours per day, and eight hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain and assistant chaplain between them perperform Divine Service twice daily in the chapel. On Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, they perform the appointed morning and evening service of the Church, and preach a sermon. The holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered four times in the year. They daily visit the sick in their cells and read prayers in the infirmaries. They visit every prisoner on admission and discharge. They also visit daily every prisoner under punishment for prison offences, and those who make special application to see them.

In addition to the duties enumerated above, each of the chaplains takes upon himself the very unusual task of lecturing to the prisoners twice every week: a custom fraught with much advantage to the objects of their ministration.

The two schoolmasters and the schoolmistress take charge of the books, and issue them to the prisoners under the direction of the chaplain. The schoolmasters assemble the prisoners (that is those of them who wish to attend the school) daily in classes for the purpose of instruction. The schoolmistress gives instruction from cell to cell. The schoolmasters also act as chapel clerks. These officers are well qualified for their work, and discharge their duties to the entire satisfaction of the chaplain. The prison at the present time is tolerably well supplied with religious books, as well as with those of general information. A society exists for helping prisoners on their discharge from prison, called "The Surrey Society for the employment and reformation of discharged prisoners." Its object is to relieve destitute prisoners on their discharge, and it has been the means of rescuing many once depraved inmates of our prison from their degraded state, and making them honest and respectable characters.

A priest of the Roman Church, appointed under the "Prison Ministers Act," attends upon the Roman Catholic prisoners, and to him they have access whenever they please.

Health.

The surgeon attends three or four times daily, according to necessity. The general health of the prisoners has been good. The diet is, in the opinion of the surgeon, sufficient for maintaining the health and strength of the prisoners, with one exception, viz., the breakfast of those men who are solely employed at the mills. Taking into account the interval between supper and breakfast (12 hours), the fact that these prisoners work before breakfast, and that all so employed lose weight, he is of opinion that 8 oz. of bread is not sufficient for their breakfast.

The quality of the provisions is good, and the clothing, and bedding are sufficient.

Eleven deaths have taken place from natural causes. Three prisoners have been pardoned on medical grounds, and 14 lunatics have been transferred to asylums.

Punishment has been inflicted 1,096 times on males, and 165 times on female prisoners, viz.:

	Males.	Females.	
Whipping	12	—	times.
Irons or handcuffs	—	1	
Solitary or dark cells	95	35	
Stoppage of diet	989	129	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 11th April, 1867:—

	Males.	Females.
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	274	57
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	109	33
„ the Vagrant Act	15	1
„ the Juvenile Offenders' Act	18	1
„ the Game Laws	5	—
For assault	25	3
Others summarily convicted	97	9
	543	104
Total	647	
Total on the same day last year	578	158
Total	736	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—On the crank machines	- - -	100
On the crankmill; flour	- - -	135
On the crank pumps	- - -	72
Picking oakum	- - - -	114
Bricklayers 2, tailors 11	- - -	13
Shoemakers	- - - - -	5
Engineer's labourer 1, stokers 2	-	3
Mat-making	- - - - -	27
Mattress maker 1, cooks 4, bakers 4	-	9
Painters 2, carpenters 3, bookbinder 1	- - - - -	6
Gardeners 8, cutler 1, wood-cutter 1		10
Mill cleaners 4, tinman 1	- -	5
Bedding store 1, bread store 1, printing 1	- - - - -	3
Office 2, tubbing up oakum 1, cutting junk 1	- - - - -	4
Labourers, cleaning, &c.	- - -	24
Infirmary nurses	- - - -	2
Total employed	- -	532
Females.—Washing and ironing 28, picking coir 25	- - - - -	53
Mending linen 26, cleaners 16, knitting 5, infirmary nurse 1	- -	48
Total employed	- -	101

The prison staff includes 43 male, and 16 female subordinate officers whose united annual salaries amount to 3,848*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*

SUSSEX.

LEWES COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	983	252	1,235	20	66
Average daily number in custody -	164	41	205	3	
Re-committals - - -	318	99	417	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 199
" " female " " " 56
" " debtors " " 14

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison £5,466 4*s.* 3*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings £24 19*s.* 6½*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	188	19	64	2	273
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	150	12	51	2	215
" 14 days " " 1 month	229	28	33	7	302
" 1 month " " 2 months	89	8	14	4	115
" 2 months " " 3 "	67	9	23	—	99
" 3 " " " 6 "	72	2	29	1	104
" 6 " " " 1 year	34	2	7	—	43
" 1 year " " 2 "	11	—	—	—	11
Penal servitude of every duration	7	—	—	—	7

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*	£ *s.* *d.*
Crank labour	47	—	47	—	—	—
Picking oakum	56	15	71	—	—	—
Mat and mop making	20	—	20	66 4 8	—	66 4 8
Tailoring and shoe-making.	5	—	5	—	166 19 8	166 19 8
Gardening, painting, carpentering.	2	—	2	—	45 0 0	45 0 0
Other industrial labour	3	—	3	2 2 0	20 0 0	22 2 0
Cleaning the prison	5	5	10	—	—	—
Cooking	2	—	2	—	—	—
Laundry	—	9	9	—	55 0 0	55 0 0
Needlework	—	6	6	—	15 0 0	15 0 0
N.B.—The above is exclusive of prisoners for trial, or sentenced to simple imprisonment.						
Total number employed at profitable labour	30	15	45	68 6 8	301 19 8	370 5 11

Accommodation for prisoners :—

For criminals,—	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells certified and used for prisoners	174	45	219
Punishment cells certified	4	3	7
Reception cells	6	3	9
Yards for exercise	3	1	4
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	24	0	24
Day rooms	3	1	4
Yards for exercise	3	1	4

Of the cells for male prisoners six are used as store-rooms and nine as warders' rooms, leaving 174 for prisoners. Of the latter, four have been converted into two large cells for associated cases where ordered by the surgeon. There are also two infirmaries for males.

Of the cells for females three are used as warder's rooms, and one as a school-room, leaving 45 for prisoners, of which number four have been turned into association cells. There is an infirmary for females containing two rooms.

All the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and provided with bells.

The female prisoners sleep in beds, the males in hammocks, unless otherwise ordered by the surgeon.

Re-convicted male prisoners sleep on plank beds for the first 14 days, and prisoners convicted for the first time if sentenced to imprisonment for 14 days or under, sleep on the same for the first seven days.

Prisoners in the yards or at the cranks are always under supervision. When in association by order of the surgeon, or for want of space (three in one cell) continual supervision is impracticable, but they are visited when requisite.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are chiefly supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 3½*d.*

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.
14 days and under 1st	10 8	8 13	—	—	14	12	—	—	—	—
Over 14 days to 1 month 2nd	10 8	8 13	—	—	14	12	—	—	3*	2½*
Over 1 month to 6 weeks 3rd	10 8	8 13	—	—	14	12	—	—	3	2½
Over 6 weeks to 3 months 4th	10 8	8 13	—	—	14	12	—	—	7	6
After 3 months, 5th	10 8	8 13	—	—	14	12	7 0	7 0	7	6

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

The hard labour of the 1st Class consists in working hard labour machines, of which there are 68, chiefly of Underhay's manufacture.

As 2nd Class labour the prisoners are employed in oakum picking, mat and mop making, wool and coir picking, tailoring and shoemaking for the prison, occasionally in gardening, carpentry, painting, &c. cooking, and cleaning the prison.

The females do laundry work.

The prison service is performed by well conducted prisoners, selected by the Governor for the approval of the Visiting Justices, and the choice is made, if possible from among those convicted for the first time, and sentenced to hard labour for long terms, a certain period of which must have been completed, unless exempted by the surgeon.

The period employed in labour is eight hours in summer and seven and a half hours in winter, inclusive of chapel and meals. Nine and a half hours in summer, 10 hours in March and October, and 10½ hours in winter are allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain reads prayers three times and preaches twice on Sunday, and performs two services on Christmas Day and Good Friday. He also reads prayers and expounds Scripture daily; visits the prisoners, especially the sick and others requiring his ministrations. The schoolmaster who is also chapel clerk attends eight hours daily. The schoolmistress attends for three hours daily. Both officers discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the chaplain. There is an adequate library of a varied character attached to the prison.

* After 14 days.

A small fund exists for the relief of prisoners on their discharge.

An extract from the rules is hung up in the cells in which the prisoners are informed that they have the privilege of being visited by their own ministers.

Health.

The surgeon attends daily and oftener if necessary. He reports favourably of the health of the prisoners which has been quite equal to the average of the surrounding neighbourhood. The diet is considered to be sufficient and the provisions are good. The prisoners have sufficient clothing and bedding.

Two prisoners have died from natural causes, one has been executed, and one has committed suicide.

Two pardons have been granted on medical grounds and one prisoner has been placed in a lunatic asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted 211 times on male, and 13 times on females, viz:

	Males.	Females.	
* Solitary or dark cells - -	209	13	} times.
Stoppage of diet - - -	2	—	

Eight only were placed in dark cells.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	29	7
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - -	49	14
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	29	13
„ the Vagrant Act - -	9	3
For assault - - - -	24	2
„ want of sureties - -	3	1
Others summarily convicted - -	13	1
Debtors from the superior courts - -	4	—
„ from the county courts - -	3	—
	163	41&2 inf.
Total - -	206	
Total on the same day last year -	177	38 & 1 inf.
Total - - -	216	

* In six of these cases (four males and two females) leathern cuffs were used, but, as stated by the Governor, "for restraint and precaution not for punishment."

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males—			
Sentenced to hard labour.	Crank labour	In crank shed	39
		In cells	19
	Picking oakum		19
	Mat making		18
	Mop making		1
	Tailoring		2
	Shoemaking		4
	Gardening		1
	Painting		1
	Other industrial labour		4
	Cleaning the Prison		5
	Cooking		2
	Excused by Surgeon		1
	Under punishment		1
For simple imprisonment			8
Committed for trial			29
Debtors: Sheriffs 4, County Court 3			7
Discharged to-day, sentences expired			2
			163
Females—			
Washing			8
Oakum picking			10
Needlework			8
Unemployed (waiting trial)			7
Under Punishment			2
Cleaning, &c			4
			41
Infirmary			2
Total			206

The prison staff includes 19 male and five female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 1,440*l.* 17*s.* 0*d.*

The dietary of this prison is very objectionable for prisoners under sentences of hard labour from the great preponderance in it of liquid over solid nutriment, as well as from the absence of potatoes in the diet of all prisoners imprisoned for less than three months.

PETWORTH COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	417	50	467	5	23
Average daily number in custody -	74	11	85	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	116	10	126	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 100
" " female " " " 15
" " debtors " " " 4

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison £2,643 3*s.* 11*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - £28 4*s* 5*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	46	4	7	1	58
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	66	2	7	2	77
" 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month	142	7	12	—	161
" 1 month " " 2 months	51	3	4	2	60
" 2 months " " 3 "	28	1	2	3	34
" 3 " " " 6 "	22	1	3	—	26
" 6 " " " 1 year -	14	—	4	—	18
" 1 year " " 2 years -	2	—	—	—	2
Penal Servitude of every duration -	2	—	—	—	2

Net profit on work done by prisoners during the year, 244*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.*, after paying trade instructor's wages, 22*s.* per week.

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For criminals—	Males.	Females	Total.
* Ordinary cells not certified	100	19	119
* Punishment cells not certified-	2	1	3
Reception cells - -	3	—	3
Yards for exercise - -	2	2	4

Debtors use the ordinary cells for sleeping; but there is a day-room for each sex. There is a yard for exercise for male debtors. The females use the female criminals' yard when not occupied.

* All these cells have since been certified.

119 of the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and provided with bells.

The prisoners, with the exception of 10 who use hammocks, sleep in beds. The hour for rising is 6 a.m., and for retiring, 8 p.m.

When in association the prisoners are constantly attended by an officer.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 3*s.* 2*d.* Fourty-four prisoners have received extra diet by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 2,804 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs.	lbs.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.
1st -	7 0	5 4	—	—	7	7	—	—	—	—	2½	2½
2nd -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	5½	5½
3rd -	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	4	4	3	3	5½	5½
4th -	10 8	7 14	28	28	14	14	2	2	3	3	5½	5½
5th -	10 8	7 14	36	28	11*	14	5½	2	3	3	5½	5½

Labour and Employment.

Hard labour of the 1st Class.

The prisoners work, first, on the treadmill, which is constructed for 16 at one time. They are divided by partitions and always under the observation of an officer. The power is not made use of. Second, at hard labour machines of which there are five. Third, at cranks, three in number, one of which takes six, one eight, and the other 10 prisoners.

Hard labour of the 2nd Class.

For males, oakum picking and other productive employments. For females, laundry work, knitting, needlework, &c.

* And 3 pints Cocoa.

The prison service will in future be performed by the best conducted prisoners selected by the Visiting Justices.

The prisoners work within the prison for nine and a half hours daily, and outdoor work is regulated by the season.

Ten hours has hitherto been allowed for sleep, but the time will in future be diminished.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain attends at the prison for three hours daily, reads prayers every morning and gives religious instruction twice during the week. He visits prisoners on admission and discharge, the sick and those under punishment, and other prisoners in their cells at his discretion. He performs two full services on Sunday, and celebrates the Holy Communion several times in the year.

The schoolmaster, who is well spoken of by the chaplain, attends for two hours daily and teaches from cell to cell. The matron instructs the females.

The supply of books is but moderate.

No society exists for relieving discharged prisoners, but they are assisted by grants from the magistrates, and by donations at the discretion of the Governor.

Prisoners dissenting from the Church of England, are offered the privilege of being visited by their own ministers.

Health.

The surgeon attends the prison daily and visits each prisoner twice a week. He describes the health of the prisoners as very good. He is of opinion that the dietary is under ordinary circumstances sufficient, and not more than sufficient, for maintaining the health of prisoners, but considers that those undergoing long sentences require occasional changes in the diet.

The prisoners have sufficient clothing and bedding

One prisoner has been pardoned on medical grounds.

Punishment has been inflicted 74 times on male, and three times on female prisoners, viz.—

	Male.	Female.	
Whipping -	1	—	times.
Irons or handcuffs -	4	—	
Solitary or dark cells -	42	2	
Stoppage of diet -	27	1	

During the year the arrangements for the inspection of cells have been improved, and each cell has been furnished with a bell-handle and label-plate communicating with a gong. All the cells are now lighted with gas.

The window ventilators have been improved and "extracting" pipes carried from each cell to the roof.

The party walls in passages have been entirely removed, gratings inserted in the new passage floors, and large windows opened at the end of the passages. Four new cells have been made in division A, from the old day-rooms for debtors of the second class.

The following alterations of discipline have been introduced:—Second class debtors are now treated as prisoners for trial, *i. e.* in separation; a schoolmaster has been appointed, and the chaplain relieved from this duty; an officer has been appointed as baker and cook.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 28th Nov. 1866.

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	14	2
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	24	5
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	14	3
„ the Vagrant Act	9	—
„ the Game Laws	6	—
For assault	5	—
„ want of sureties	1	—
Others summarily convicted	14	—
Deserters awaiting a route	1	—
Debtors from the superior courts	1	—
„ from the county courts	2	—
	91	11
Total	102	
Total on the same day last year	84	9
Total	93	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows :—

Males.—Cranks	- - - -	26
	Wheel labour - - -	21
	Picking oakum - - -	18
	Carding and spinning wool -	5
	Cleaners - - - -	3
	Kitchen and bakehouse - -	2
	Sick in cells - - -	2
	Ship's fender making - -	2
	Weaving - - -	2
	Shoemaking - - -	1
	Mop-making - - -	1
	Mat-making - - -	1
	Whitewashing - - -	1
	Sick in infirmary and nurse -	2
	Twisting mop-yarn - -	1
	Debtor - - - -	1
	Discharged - - -	2
	Total males unlocked	91
Females :—Laundry work, sewing, knitting and cleaning	- - -	11
	Total - -	102

The prison staff includes 10 male and two female subordinate officers whose united annual salaries amount to 638*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*

WARWICKSHIRE.

WARWICK COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	827	187	1,014	63	85
Average daily number in custody -	195	30	225	5	4
Re-committals - - - - -	283	59	342	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 227
" " female " " " 46
" " debtors " " " 22

Total ordinary expenditure for the Prison, £6,033 14*s.* 0*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings £25 15*s.* 8¼*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	91	10	23	1	135
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	125	19	22	5	171
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	211	23	41	4	279
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months	81	6	17	1	105
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „	73	7	15	1	96
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „	51	1	20	—	72
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year	34	—	3	1	38
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years	20	2	2	—	24
Penal servitude of every duration	25	—	2	—	27

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.			Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.			Total.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£	*s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
Tailors	4	—	4	—			47	1	10	47	1	10
Shoemakers	12	—	12	50	7	7	51	18	3	102	5	10
Carpenters	1	—	1	—			55	19	5½	55	19	5½
Bricklayers	1	—	1	—			23	14	1	23	14	1
Painters	1	—	1	—			19	15	3	19	15	3
Smiths and fitters	2	—	2	—			83	16	9	83	16	9
Gardeners	2	—	2	—			20	15	0	20	15	0
Whitewashing and colouring	2	—	2	—			29	8	0	29	8	0
Baker and cook	3	—	3	—			90	16	0	90	16	0
Stoker	1	—	1	—			31	0	0	31	0	0
Woodchopping	1	—	1	1	0	0	—			1	0	0
Matmaking and assisting	64	—	64	238	5	1½	—			238	5	1½
Brushmaking	1	—	1	10	7	3½	—			10	7	3½
Oakum picking	58.	10	68	—			—			—		
Pumping	18	—	18	—			100	0	0	100	0	0
Washing	—	6	6	—			183	1	4	183	1	4
Making and mending	—	7	7	—			51	14	2	51	14	2
Total number employed at profitable labour	171	23	194	300	0	0	789	0	1½	1,089	0	1½

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified - -	251	44	295
Punishment cells certified -	7	3	10
Reception cells - -	7	3	10
Yards for exercise - -	2	2	4
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms -	43	2	45
Day rooms - - -	3	2	5
Yards for exercise - -	3	1	4

All the cells for criminals are warmed and ventilated, all are lighted, excepting the punishment cells, and all are provided with bells.

The prisoners sleep in hammocks, rise at 5.30 a.m. in summer, and 6.30 in winter, and retiring at 8 p.m. throughout the year. Convicted male prisoners sleep on plank beds for the first month.

Prisoners when in association are constantly attended by a warder.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 4*d.* Extra diet has been received by 159 prisoners by order of the Surgeon on an aggregate of 4,172 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Cocoa.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz	pts.	pts.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
3rd -	8 12	7 14	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2	—	—	—	—
4th -	10 8	9 10	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3	—	—	—	—
5th -	9 10	8 12	16	12	11	11	7 0	3 8	3	3	2¼	2¼	3	3

Labour and Employment.

As hard labour of the 1st class the prisoners work at hard labour machines and cranks. Of the latter there are 18. They are used for pumping water for the prison. They also make mats with a heavy beater, and weave cocoa nut matting.

Hard labour of the 2d class consists in picking oakum, tailoring, shoemaking, making light mats and brushmaking. The service of the prison is performed by prisoners who have earned two good conduct marks. The selection is made by the governor.

Nine hours are allotted to labour and 9½ hours are allowed for sleep.

Religious and Scholastic instruction.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and performs full services on Sunday, and visits the prisoners as required by the Prisons Act. A school for males is held five times in the week, and for females twice a week. The chaplain is not well satisfied with the schoolmaster whom he does not consider thoroughly qualified.

The prison is well supplied with books. There is a discharged Prisoners' Aid Society duly certified, which operates in the usual manner.

The chaplain reports that the provisions of the law regarding the privileges of prisoners differing in religion from the established church are complied with.

Health.

The surgeon attends the prison daily to see the sick, and oftener if necessary, and sees every prisoner once in the week. The health of the prisoners has been good. The diet is considered to be sufficient, and the provisions are of good quality. Sufficient clothing and bedding are supplied to the prisoners.

One death has occurred from natural causes. Three pardons have been granted on medical grounds, and five prisoners have been removed to a lunatic asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted 257 times on males, and 18 times on females, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Whipping - - -	1	—	times
Solitary or dark cells - -	164	11	„
Stoppage of diet - -	92	7	„

One prisoner escaped and was captured.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection:—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination	1	1
Committed for trial at Assizes or Sessions	19	9
Convicted at Assizes or Sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	77	17
„ sentenced to penal servitude	—	2
Under contract from county Middlesex	50	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	21	17
„ the Vagrant Act	—	4
„ the Juvenile Offenders Act	1	—
„ the Game Laws	4	—
For assault	4	—
„ want of sureties	5	1
Others summarily convicted	13	1
Debtors from superior courts	6	1
„ from the county courts	4	—
	205	53
Total	258	
Total on the same last year	212	30
Total	242	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males:—	Mat making	69
	Picking oakum	60
	Pumping	18
	Shoemaking	12
	Picking coir	8
	Cleaning	8
	Tailors	4
	Smith and fitter	2
	Cooks and baker	3
	Brush-making	1
	Stoker	1
	Wood chopping	1
	Sick	5
	Under punishment	2
Females:—	Washing	7
	Oakum picking	25
	Sewing	18
	Sick	2

The prison staff includes 26 male and four female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 1848*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.*

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	County Co
Prisoners committed in the year -	1,878	555	2,433	135
Average daily number in custody -	318	80	398	—
Re-committals - - - - -	740	203	943	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 354
" " female " " " 98
" " debtors at any one time - 10

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £10,573 12*s.* 3*d.*

Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £23 7*s.* 6½*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	450	97	191	24	762
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	305	51	77	12	445
" 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month -	244	28	84	7	363
" 1 month " " 2 months	191	16	29	4	240
" 2 months " " 3 "	84	25	36	3	148
" 3 " " " 6 "	109	1	29	—	139
" 6 " " " 1 year -	82	3	19	—	104
" 1 year " " 2 years -	15	3	6	—	24
Penal Servitude of every duration -	37	—	5	—	42

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Carpentry - - -	3	—	3	3 0 1	39 3 0	42 3 1
Smith and tinman -	3	—	3	—	44 11 3	44 11 3
Shoemaking - -	10	—	10	44 10 11	77 18 9	122 9 8
Tailoring - - -	12	—	12	5 5 0	110 16 11	116 1 11
Brushmaking - -	1	—	1	3 16 7	11 3 8	15 0 3
Painting, whitewashing, and bricklaying.	3	—	3	3 11 5	69 1 6	72 12 11
Gardening and digging gravel.	8	—	8	4 16 0	58 15 0	63 11 0
Cooking - - -	5	1	6	—	39 4 0	39 4 0
Baking - - -	3	—	3	—	162 3 8	162 3 8
Pumping water -	20	—	20	—	52 0 0	52 0 0
Matmaking - -	76	—	76	737 6 11	73 8 8	810 15 7
Weaving matting -	16	—	16	247 4 2	—	247 4 2
Oakum picking - -	90	20	110	160 9 8	—	160 9 8
Heald matmaking -	—	4	4	47 16 6	—	47 16 6
Sewing and knitting -	—	16	16	8 12 10	131 10 9	140 3 7
Washing - - -	—	17	17	7 16 0	543 2 11	550 18 11
Total Number employed at profitable Labour -	250	58	308	1,274 6 1	1,413 0 1	2,687 6 2

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For criminals,—	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells certified - -	364	103	467
„ not certified -	17	—	17
Punishment cells not certified -	14	4	18
Reception cells - - -	9	4	13
Yards for exercise - -	5	4	9
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	27	4	31
Day rooms - - -	3	3	6
Yards for exercise - - -	1	1	2

The cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and provided with bells. The criminals, when entitled to do so, sleep in hammocks. Male prisoners (except debtors) sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and under, sleep on plank beds, unless exempted by the surgeon. The hour for rising is 5.30 a.m., and that for retiring 9 p.m.

When in association the prisoners are under the supervision of an officer.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract.

The average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 3½*d.*

Extra diet has been allowed to 285 male, and 74 female prisoners, by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 17,709 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints	pints	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	1 8	1 2
2nd	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8
3rd	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	4 8	2 10
4th	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6
5th	10 0	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8

(*continued*)

Class.	Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pints	pints	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 2	1 0
3rd	2½	2½	—	—	3	3	8	6	1 8	1 2
4th	3	3	—	—	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th	3	3	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

As hard labour of the 1st class prisoners are employed in pumping water by cranks, at which 20 can work at one time; and it is intended to introduce stone breaking.

Hard labour of the 2nd class consists in (for males) tailoring, matmaking, oakum picking, brushmaking, carpentry, &c.; and for females, needle-work, knitting, heald matmaking, and oakum picking.

The service of the prison is performed by well-conducted prisoners undergoing long sentences. The selection is made by the governor. From 8 to 9 hours are occupied in work, and about 8 hours are allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain reads a selection of prayers and gives an exposition every morning, and performs full services on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday. He also visits

each prisoner on admission and discharge, and from time to time to time during imprisonment, and superintends the scholastic instruction.

The male prisoners are assembled in school classes twice daily, except on Saturday and Sunday. The women and men who are unable to read are taught in their cells.

The schoolmaster and schoolmistress discharge their duties efficiently. There is a good prison library.

A society has existed for 10 years under the name of the Birmingham Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society.

A Roman Catholic priest has been appointed to visit Roman Catholic prisoners, under the "Prison Ministers Act, 1863."

Health.

The surgeon attends twice a day, and examines the prisoners twice a week. The general health of the prisoners has been good. The surgeon is of opinion that the dietary is not more than sufficient; and that where the hard labour is heavy, and where prisoners are reduced from the higher to the lower scale after conviction, and in certain other cases, it is insufficient. In such cases he is accustomed to supplement the diet by extras or to raise the scale.

The provisions are of good quality, and the clothes and bedding are as a rule sufficient.

Three prisoners have died from natural causes, and 4 lunatics have been placed in asylums.

Punishment has been inflicted 287 times on male, and 67 times on female prisoners, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.
Irons or handcuffs - - - -	2	9
Solitary or dark cells - - -	283	57
Stoppage of diet - - - -	2	1

Alterations have been made in the steps.

A new dietary table was adopted on the 10th December 1865.

Rule 34 is not complied with. Preparations are being made for stone-breaking on a large scale.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 7th December 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination - - -	7	5
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	42	10
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment - - -	184	25
„ sentenced to penal servitude -	2	3
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	42	30
„ the Vagrant Act - -	10	6
„ the Juvenile Offenders' Act -	8	1
For assault - - - -	18	2
„ want of sureties - - -	3	2
Others summarily convicted - -	4	6
Debtors from the county court - -	11	0
	331	90
Total - -	421	
Total on the same day last year - -	324	83
Total - -	407	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—Weaving matting - -	8
Wheeling coal - - -	5
Pumping water - - -	30
Total 1st class - -	43
Matmaking, picking oakum, bricklaying, painting and whitewashing, tailoring, shoemaking, carpentry, smith's work, &c. -	240
Sick - - - -	12
Not employed at hard labour -	66*
Total - - -	331
Females.—Washing, ironing, sewing and knitting, picking oakum, matmaking, cooking, cleaning, &c. - -	90

The prison staff includes 35 male and 8 female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 2,454*l.* 12*s.*

* Some of these were untried prisoners, who are employed at light labour; others were county court debtors.

WILTSHIRE.

SALISBURY COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	274	46	320	12	14
Average daily number in custody	44	8	52	—	—
Re-committals - - - -	12	2	14	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time . 57
" " female " " " 13
" " debtors " " 4

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £2,002 14*s.* 7*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £37 0*s.* 7*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	22	5	10	—	37
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	36	8	9	—	53
" 14 days " " 1 month -	70	11	9	1	91
" 1 month " " 2 months -	30	—	5	—	35
" 2 months " " 3 " -	31	—	4	—	35
" 3 " " " 6 " -	24	—	3	—	27
" 6 " " " 1 year -	8	—	2	—	10
Penal servitude of every duration -	13	—	1	—	14

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Crank mill grinding for the public and the prison.	15	—	15	21 0 9	10 5 0	31 5 9
Capstan, pumping water for prison.	4	—	4	—	—	—
Shoemaking for prison	—	—	—	—	8 0 0	8 0 0
Tailoring for ditto	—	—	—	—	5 0 0	5 0 0
Produce of garden	2	—	2	—	30 2 0	30 2 0
Oakum picking	7	—	7	56 2 7½	—	56 2 7½
Whitewashing prison	—	—	—	—	25 0 0	25 0 0
Cleaning and necessary work of prison.	4	—	4	—	—	—
Mending, knitting, washing, shirt making, cleaning for prison.	—	5	5	—	35 0 0	35 0 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	33	5	38	77 4½	113 7 0	190 10 4½

N.B.—All the above numbers excepting females, including crank and capstan work, picked oakum in addition.

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified	75	12	87
Reception cells	2	—	2
Yards for exercise	5	3	8
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	21	1	22
Day rooms	2	—	2
Yards for exercise	2	—	2

60 of the cells for criminals are heated by hot water, and 29 by stoves, 67 are lighted with gas. None have bells.

The prisoners sleep in beds, rising at 6 a.m. in summer, when daylight in winter, and retiring at 10 p.m. throughout the year. Plank beds are used by convicted prisoners for the first month.

No association takes place between the prisoners excepting during chapel, and in the chaplain's classes. On these occasions they are under the supervision of officers.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 9¾*d.* Extra diet has been supplied to 46 prisoners by order of the surgeon, on an aggregate of 189 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Cheese.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.	oz.	oz.
1st - -	10 8	10 8	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd -	10 8	10 8	6	6	14	14	3 8	3 8	2	2	9	9
3rd -	10 8	10 8	6	6	14	14	7 0	7 0	2	2	9	9
4th, for destitute debtors.	10 8	10 8	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3	—	—

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the First Class.

The prisoners grind wheat, barley, beans, and other grain for the public, and corn for the prison, by means of a crank mill, at which 15 work at one time.

A capstan for supplying the prison with water is also used, and the prisoners beat oakum.

Hard Labour of the Second Class.

Consists in oakum picking, washing, mending, sewing, knitting, and cleaning.

The service of the prison is performed by prisoners selected by the governor and magistrates from the fourth and fifth classes.

The first and second classes work for 10 hours daily, reducible in the case of the latter to nine by industry; the third, fourth, and fifth classes for nine hours. Eight hours are allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and preaches on Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday. The prison is fully supplied with books.

No society exists for the relief of prisoners on their discharge, but the governor is authorized to give pecuniary aid to those prisoners who require it.

"Prisoners differing from the established Church are "permitted the privilege of being visited by the ministers "if they desire it."

Health.

The surgeon attends daily, and examines the prisoners twice a week. He describes the general condition of the prisoners as exceedingly healthy, and considers the diet sufficient and not more than sufficient to maintain health during hard labour. The provisions are of good quality. The prisoners have sufficient clothing and bedding. The warming and ventilation are imperfect.

Two prisoners have died during the year, one from natural causes, and one from suicide.

Twelve of the cells for males and some of those for females have been enlarged.

Punishment has been inflicted 101 times on male and twice on female prisoners, viz:—

	Males.	Females.	
Irons or handcuffs - - -	3	—	times.
Solitary or dark cells -	10	—	
Stoppage of diet - - -	88	2	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 23rd June 1866:—

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions -	3	3
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment -	11	3
„ sentenced to penal servitude -	6	—
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act -	8	1
„ the Vagrant Act - -	4	1
„ the Game Laws - - -	2	—
For assault - - - -	2	—
„ want of sureties - - -	1	—
Others summarily convicted - -	5	1
	42	9
Total - -	51	
Total on the same day last year -	47	6
Total - -	51	

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males:—

Beating oakum	5
Water capstan	4
Non effective, picking oakum	4
Shoemaking	1
Tailoring	1
Cook	1
Cleaning the prison	3
Gardening	2
Crankmill	11
Light labour	2
	34

Females:—

Washing clothes	3
Knitting stockings	1
Making shirts, &c.	2
	6

The prison staff includes seven male and one female subordinate officers whose united annual salaries amount to 413*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*

DEVIZES COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	County Court.
Committed in the year	432	76	508	24
Average daily number in custody	63	9	77	1
Re-committals	125	14	139	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 88
" " female " " " 15
" " debtors " " 8

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison £2,698 4*s.* 1*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings £35 3*s.* 10*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	35	3	14	—	52
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	68	12	9	2	91
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month -	119	7	19	3	148
„ 1 month „ „ 2 months -	61	1	11	—	73
„ 2 months „ „ 3 „ -	37	2	6	—	45
„ 3 „ „ „ 6 „ -	30	—	6	—	36
„ 6 „ „ „ 1 year -	10	—	1	—	11
„ 1 „ „ „ 2 „ -	2	—	—	—	2
Penal Servitude of every duration - -	11	—	—	—	11

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treadwheel - - -	36	—	36	22 4 0	12 10 6	34 14 6
Picking oakum - -	22	—	22	28 1 8	—	28 1 8
Washing, mending, and making clothes - -	—	8	8	—	52 0 0	52 0 0
Total number employed at profitable labour -	58	8	66	—	—	—

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	169	33	202
Punishment cells, not certified -	4	2	6
Reception cells - - -	3	1	4
Yards for exercise- - -	8	2	10
For Debtors :—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	16	—	16
Yards for exercise - -	1	—	1

Ninety-six of the cells for criminals are lighted at night, but none of these are warmed, ventilated or provided with bells. The prisoners sleep in beds, rising at six a.m. in summer and at daylight in winter, and retiring at 10 p.m. throughout the year. Convicted prisoners sleep on plank beds during the first month.

Diet.

The provisions and stores are provided by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 9*d.* Twenty-two prisoners have received extra diet by order of the surgeon on an aggregate of 1,001 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Cheese.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pints.	pints.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pints.	pints.	oz.	oz.
1st -	10 8	10 8	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd -	10 8	10 8	9	9	14	14	3 8	3 8	2	2	6	6
3rd -	10 8	10 8	9	9	14	14	7 0	7 0	2	2	6	6
4th -	10 8	10 8	9	9	14	14	7 0	7 0	2	2	6	6
5th -	10 8	10 8	9	9	14	14	7 0	7 0	2	2	6	6

Labour and Employment.

Hard labour of the 1st Class.

The prisoners work on the treadmill, which is constructed for 48 at one time exclusive of reliefs. They are divided by partitions and always under the supervision of an officer. The power is applied to grinding corn. There is also a crank-pump at which two men work at the same time.

Hard labour of the 2nd Class

Consists of oakum-picking.

The prison service is performed by prisoners of the fourth class who have obtained 135 good marks after the first month of then term. Such prisoners also work four hours on the treadmill daily. The selection is made by the Governor.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain reads a selection of prayers daily and performs two services on Sunday and other appointed days. He sees all prisoners on admission and discharge, and visits them when sick or in punishment daily. The untried and female prisoners are visited weekly, class 1 twice a week, and all other prisoners at least once a month. The chaplain also attends the school twice in the week. The schoolmaster and schoolmistress give instruction in reading and writing daily, every prisoner receiving two hours teaching during the week. These officers are well qualified and give satisfaction. The prison is well supplied with books.

"Prisoners of religious denominations differing from the "Established Church are offered the privilege of being visited "by their own ministers without originating a request to "that effect."

Health.

The Surgeon attends daily and examines the prisoners twice a week. He reports that many of the prisoners are admitted in an actual state of disease or in bad health, but otherwise the general condition of the prisoners health is good. The dietary is considered by the surgeon to be sufficient for all classes of prisoners when not previously debilitated, and not more than is required except in the case of the females.

The quality of the provisions so far as he has observed has been good. The clothing and bedding are sufficient.

The warming and ventilation of some parts of the prison are imperfect.

Punishment has been inflicted 132 times on male and 10 times on female prisoners, viz:—

Irons or handcuffs	1	2	times.
Solitary or dark cells	111	5	
Stoppage of diet.	20	3	

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 22nd June 1866:

	Males.	Females.
Committed for trial at assizes or sessions	12	3
Convicted at assizes or sessions and sentenced to imprisonment	16	2
Convicted summarily:—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	6	2
„ the Vagrant Act	2	2
„ the Juvenile Offenders' Act	1	—
For assault	4	—
„ want of sureties	3	1
Others summarily convicted	3	—
From the county courts	2	1
	49	11
Total	60	
Total on the same day last year	73	11
Total	84	

The male prisoners on the day of inspection were employed on the treadmill and in the other customary labours of the prison.

The prison staff includes nine male and three female subordinate officers whose united annual salaries amount to 535*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*

WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	820	235	1,179	21	103
Average daily number in custody -	161	34	201	2	4
Re-committals - - -	300	65	365	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 185
" " female " " " 44
" " debtors at any one time - 12

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £5,662 10*s.* 7*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £25 16*s.* 9*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	107	16	66	2	191
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days -	134	22	51	1	208
" 14 days, " " 1 month -	208	16	39	6	269
" 1 month " " 2 " -	89	4	15	3	111
" 2 months " " 3 " -	54	—	12	1	67
" 3 " " " 6 " -	39	1	14	—	54
" 6 " " " 1 year -	40	2	8	—	50
" 1 year " " 2 years -	12	1	4	—	17
Penal Servitude of every duration -	34	1	1	—	36

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Matmaking and picking oakum	110	12	122	469 0 11	—	469 0 11
Bricklayers, painters, carpenters, blacksmiths, tinmen, &c.	2	—	2	—	107 1 3	107 1 3
Tailoring	2	—	2	—	34 17 3	34 17 3
Shoemaking	2	—	2	—	25 1 2	25 1 2
Cooks and bakers	2	—	2	—	42 0 0	42 0 0
Needlework and knitting	—	12	12	—	91 2 8	91 2 8
Washhouse and laundry	—	8	8	—	110 18 0	110 18 0
Treadwheel	24		24	—	—	—
Total number employed at profitable labour	142	32	174	469 0 11	411 6 4	880 7 3

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells certified	222	60	282
Do. „ not certified	20	1	21
Punishment cells certified	6	2	8
Do. „ not certified	6	—	6
Reception cells	13	4	17
Yards for exercise	3	1	4
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms	26	2	28
Day rooms	3	1	4
Yards for exercise	3	1	4

290 of the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, lighted, and provided with bells. 139 cells are furnished with beds, and 143 with hammocks. Male convicted prisoners sleep on plank beds during the first month of their sentences. The hour for rising is 6 a.m., and that for retiring 8 p.m., throughout the year. No association of prisoners takes place without the presence of an officer.

DIET.

The provisions and stores are, as far as practicable, provided by contract. The average weekly cost of food per head is 1*s.* 9½*d.* Extra diet has been allowed to 35 prisoners on an aggregate of 1,631 days.

WEEKLY AMOUNT of FOOD supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2
2nd	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8
3rd	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10
4th	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6
5th	10 0	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8

(*continued.*)

Class.	Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F
	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.
1st	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd	2½	2½	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th	3	3	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th	3	3	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT.

Hard Labour of the 1st Class.

The prisoners work on the treadmill, which is constructed for 12 at one time, exclusive of reliefs. They are divided by partitions, and always under observation. The power is applied to raising water. There is also a crank pump used for supplying water to the females' prison, at which seven prisoners work in separate compartments.

Hard Labour of the 2nd Class

Consists in picking oakum or coir in the cells, mat-making, tailoring, or shoemaking, all by task work.

The prison service is performed by prisoners sentenced for long terms who have merited the indulgence by industry and good conduct. The selection is made by the governor, for the sanction of the visiting justices. The prisoners work for 10 hours daily, and the same period is allowed for sleep.

RELIGIOUS AND SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and gives frequent expositions. Divine service is performed twice on Sunday and

other appointed days, with a sermon. The chaplain visits the prisoners individually, attends to the distribution of books, and examines Protestant prisoners on admission.

The schoolmaster and schoolmistress attend for two hours every evening, except on Sundays, and give instruction in reading and writing to a limited number of prisoners, after working hours. These officers discharge their duties to the chaplain's satisfaction. There is a sufficient supply of religious books and tracts.

Prisoners on their discharge are assisted by "The Prisoners' Relief Society," which has existed for several years.

"A Roman Catholic priest attends Roman Catholic prisoners," whom he is allowed to assemble in one of the debtors' day rooms, which is not made use of.

Health.

The surgeon attends daily, and examines all prisoners twice a week. Their health has in general been good. The dietary is thought sufficient, and not more than is required for health. The quality of the provisions is good, and the prisoners are provided with sufficient clothing and bedding.

Six deaths have taken place from natural causes, two pardons have been granted on medical grounds, and two lunatics have been transferred to an asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted 176 times on male and 17 times on female prisoners, viz.:—

	Males.	Females.	
Solitary or dark cells - -	174	16	times.
Stoppage of diet - -	2	1	

Six cells for close confinement have been completed and certified. A new treadwheel for 70 prisoners is in process of erection, which will enable the provisions of the Act as to hard labour to be complied with, which has not hitherto been the case.

The staff of the prison includes 29 male and six female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 1,922*l.* 4*s.*

WORCESTER CITY PRISON

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male & Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	260	87	347	4	22
Average daily number in custody -	35	9	44	—	—
Re-committals - - - -	55	20	75	—	—

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time 60
" " female " " " 17
" " debtors at any one time - 3

Total *ordinary* expenditure for the prison - - - - £1,397 0*s.* 0*d.*
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - £31 5*s.* 10*d.*

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentences.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	38	4	22	—	64
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days -	3	1	—	—	4
" 14 days " " 1 month -	40	7	14	—	61
" 1 month " " 2 months	28	4	8	—	40
" 2 months " " 3 " -	22	—	4	—	26
" 3 " " " 6 " -	14	—	6	—	20
" 6 " " " 1 year -	16	—	3	—	19
" 1 year " " 2 years -	11	—	2	—	13
" 2 years - - - -	1	—	—	—	1
Penal servitude of every duration -	3	—	1	—	4

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.		
	Males.	Female.	Total.
Treadmill - - - - - - -	22	—	22
Crank - - - - - - - -	4	—	4
Washing and laundry - - - -	—	5	5
Needlework - - - - - -	—	2	2

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For criminals,—			
Ordinary cells not certified -	36	8	44
Punishment cells not certified -	2	1	3
Reception cells - - -	2	—	2
Yards for exercise - -	4	3	7
For debtors,—			
Sleeping cells or rooms - -	4	1	1
Day rooms - - - -	1	—	—
Yards for exercise - - -	1	—	—

None of the cells for criminals are warmed, ventilated, or lighted. The punishment cells only are furnished with bells. The prisoners sleep in beds, and rise in summer at 6 a.m., and at daylight in winter; retire at 6 p.m. in summer and at sunset in winter.

The prisoners when in association are attended by one or more officers.

Diet.

Coal is the only article provided by contract.

The average weekly cost of food per head is 2*s.* 8½*d.*

Extra diet has been allowed, by order of the surgeon, to three prisoners, on an aggregate of 24 days.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	pts.	lbs. oz.	lbs. oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	1½ ozs. on alternate days.	Do.
2nd -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1		
3rd -	8 12	7 14	6	6	14	14	4 8	4 8	2	2		
4th -	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3		
5th -	9 10	7 14	16	12	11	11	7 0	3 8	3	3		

Labour and Employment.

Prisoners undergoing hard labour of the 1st class work on the treadmill and at a crank-pump for raising water, worked by two prisoners. The treadmill is constructed for 15 at one time. They are not divided by partitions, but are under observation. The power is applied to raising water for the use of the prison.

Female prisoners are employed, as hard labour of the 2nd class, in laundry work, washing, and cleaning the prison.

The service of the prison is performed by prisoners convicted for the first time, who have served half of their sentences. The selection is made by the visiting justices.

Ten hours are allotted to work in summer, and six in winter.

Religious and Scholastic Instruction.

The chaplain performs two services on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, and preaches once.

The prison is well supplied with books of all kinds. A society, having for its objects the assistance of discharged prisoners to return home, and the relief of their immediate wants, has for some time existed. "Ministers of any "denomination are, at the request of a prisoner, admitted to "the prison."

Health.

The surgeon attends twice a week on an average, and sees each prisoner on admission, and once a week during his imprisonment, and examines all prisoners every month. The general health of the prisoners has been good. The surgeon is of opinion that the dietary is quite sufficient, and that with regard to the 5th class it is more than is requisite for health. The provisions are of good quality, and the clothing and bedding are sufficient. The surgeon states that the sleeping cells are very close, especially in hot weather, in consequence of the want of artificial ventilation.

One lunatic has been removed to an asylum.

Punishment has been inflicted (by confinement in solitary or dark cells) 104 times on male, and 19 times on female prisoners.

Prisoners present on the day of inspection, 7th June 1866 :—

	Males.	Females.
For re-examination	2	1
Committed for trial at assizes	2	2
„ sessions	1	1
Convicted at assizes or sessions	22	4
Convicted summarily :—		
Under the Criminal Justice Act	1	3
Others summarily convicted	3	1
Deserters awaiting a route	1	—
Debtors from the County Courts	3	—
	35	12
Total	47	
Total on the same day last year	45	4
Total	49	

The addition of those maintained in the County Gaol would raise the number to 47 males and 13 females, being 2 males and 9 females beyond the last year.

The prisoners on the day of inspection were employed as follows:—

Males.—	On the treadmill (on and off) -	16
	Crank, pumping water (use of the gaol) - - - - -	5
	Tailoring (repairing prison clothing)	1
	Cleaning the wards - - -	1
	Assisting the cook - - -	1
	Under punishment (prison offences)	2
Females.—	Washing - - - - -	3
	Ironing - - - - -	2
	Needlework (mending prison clothing)	3

In the County Gaol there were at the same time 12 males and 1 female under contract.

The prison staff includes 8 male, and 1 female subordinate officers, whose united annual salaries amount to 297*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.*

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II.—NORTHERN DISTRICT.

TO THE RIGHT HON. GATHORNE HARDY,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

Uffington, Stamford,
7th April 1868.

SIR,

I beg leave to submit the Thirty-second Annual Report on the Prisons in the Northern District.

Since the last Report the new Borough Gaol at Scarborough has been opened, and new Prisons are now building for the Hundred of Salford, and for the Boroughs of Grantham and Hull. A new wing has been added to the County Prisons both at Durham and Kirkdale, and extensive alterations are in progress at Chester Castle, Knutsford, Carlisle, Preston, Falkingham, Southwell, Leicester Borough and Nottingham Borough. In other Counties Committees have been appointed to consider the question of Prison Accommodation with a view to meet the requirements of the Prison Act, 1865. In Scotland the new Prison at Tobermoroy has been opened, additional accommodation has been provided at Elgin, Kilmarnock, Rothesay, and Selkirk, and a new Prison is now in course of construction at Greenock.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your very obedient Servant,
HERBERT P. VOULES,
Inspector of Prisons.

REPORTS ON SEPARATE PRISONS.

II.—NORTHERN DISTRICT.

PRISONS IN ENGLAND,

INCLUDING THOSE IN THE COUNTIES OF

CHESTER, CUMBERLAND, DERBY, DURHAM, LANCASTER, LEICESTER, LINCOLN, NORTHAMPTON, NORTHUMBERLAND, NOTTINGHAM, RUTLAND, STAFFORD, WESTMORELAND, AND YORK.

CHESHIRE.

CHESTER CITY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.			
				Sheriffs.		County Court.	
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Prisoners committed in the year	451	222	673	4	1	17	1
Average daily number in custody	47	15	62	—	—	—	—
Re-committals	98	65	163	—	—	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	68	—	68	—	—	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	20	20	—	—	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	4			

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	1,643	3	2½
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	24	13	3¾

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	133	24	52	1	210
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	73	7	53	—	133
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	78	3	55	3	139
„ 1 month „ 2 „	63	2	37	—	102
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	22	—	3	—	25
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	44	2	17	—	63
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	8	—	1	—	9
„ 1 year „ 2 „	8	—	1	—	9
„ 2 years	2	—	—	—	2
Penal servitude of every duration	3	—	1	—	4

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the profit arising from their Labour.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Oakum picking	25	7	32			
Mat making	3	—	3			
Shoemending	2	—	2	113 17 10	139 14 2	253 12 0
Work done for prison:—Washing, cleaning, and mending clothes	7	6	13			
Total number employed at profitable labour	37	13	50	113 17 10	139 14 2	253 12 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified)	14	—	14
„ „ (not certified)	30	12	42
Punishment cells (not certified)	2	—	2
Reception cells	1	1	2

For Debtors.

Sleeping cells	4	—	4
Day rooms	2	1	3

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. in summer, and in winter at daylight, and go to bed at 9 p.m. They are employed 8½ hours in summer and 6½ in winter; the males, mat-making and picking oakum; the females, in the laundry. They are all more or less in association, and are only visited occasionally by the warders.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pts.	pts.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pts.	pts.
1st -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd -	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd -	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10	2½	2½
4th -	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th -	10 0	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0.	4 8	3	3

	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.		Skim Milk.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pts.	pts.
1st -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12	1½	1½
2nd -	—	—	1	1	—	—	1 8	1 2	1½	1½
3rd -	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—	—	—
4th -	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—	—	—
5th -	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—	—	—

Forty-two prisoners received extra diet by the order of the surgeon for the aggregate number of 1,754 days.

The provisions and fuel are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food 2*s.* 6½*d.* per head.

The surgeon attends twice a week. The health of the prisoners, generally, has been good; the diet is sufficient. One prisoner, a county court debtor, died a few days after he was received into the prison; he was very ill when admitted.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services, and visits the prisoners, who receive some secular instruction from one of the warders. Roman Catholic prisoners are visited occasionally by a minister of their own denomination.

The building is altogether so ill-arranged and insufficient that it will be necessary to make considerable alterations before anything like an effective system of discipline can be

carried out. There is no hard labour of the first class, prisoners are associated without the presence of an officer, and in the winter months they are locked in their cells at dusk, in many cases three or more in one cell, without employment or supervision.

The salaries of the officers amount to 491*l.* 2*s.*

KNUTSFORD GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, County Court.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year -	1,337	486	1,823	209	22	231
Average daily number in custody -	165	57	222	6	—	6
Re-committals - - - - -	515	256	771	—	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	238	—	238	—	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	65	65	—	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	13		

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	6,127	5	6
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	24	15	5¾

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCES.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	348	6	102	2	458
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	72	8	32	—	112
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - -	184	14	82	3	283
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - -	258	20	93	5	376
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - -	118	5	44	—	167
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - -	143	4	62	—	209
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	66	1	20	—	87
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „ - -	12	—	4	—	16
Penal servitude of every duration - - -	19	—	1	—	20

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Shoemaking and mending, mat making, weaving, picking wool and oakum, and wool-sorting - - -	113	21	134	478 14 11	—	478 14 11
Shoemaking and mending, tailoring, joinering, painting, smith's work, &c., &c. -	9	—	9	—	221 18 1	221 18 1
Washing, mending, and making clothes - -	—	24	24	—	254 7 11	254 7 11
Stoking boilers, assisting cook, assisting in stores, lime washing, repairing bedding, weaving for the prison, and pumping water - - -	61	3	64	—	281 15 9	281 15 9
Total number employed at profitable labour - -	113	21	134	478 14 11	758 1 9	1236 16 8

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified) -	170	100	270
„ „ (not certified) -	88	—	88
Punishment cells (certified) -	3	2	5
„ „ (not certified)	12	2	14

The uncertified cells are neither lighted, warmed, or ventilated, or furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate with an officer, but it is proposed to rebuild the wing of the prison in which these cells are situated.

The prisoners rise at 5.30 a.m. and go to bed at 8 o'clock. They are employed 10 hours daily on the treadwheel and cranks, also as shoemakers, tailors, painters, joiners, and smiths, picking wool and oakum, and winding bobbins. When associated they are under the constant supervision of an officer.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each class at Hard Labour. **

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs.ozs.	lbs.ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pts.	pts.	lbs.	lbs. ozs.	pts.	pts.
1st - -	1 0*	—	—	—	2*	—	—	—	—	—
2nd - -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1
3rd - -	8 12	7 14	6	4	14	14	4	4 0	2	2
4th - -	9 10	7 14	12	8	14	14	2	2 0	3	3
5th - -	9 10	7 14	12	8	14	14	7	3 8	3	3

* Daily for prisoners not exceeding seven days.

The provisions are of good quality, supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of the food is 2*s.* 0¾*d.* per head.

Twenty-six prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 1,981 days.

The duties of the chaplain, schoolmaster, and schoolmistress are duly performed. The supply of books is sufficient. A Roman Catholic priest performs a service on Sunday afternoon, and all prisoners are offered the privilege of being visited by a minister of their own denomination.

The surgeon attends daily, and examines the prisoners twice a week. The general health has been good. One prisoner died three weeks after he was admitted; and three prisoners were removed to a lunatic asylum; of these, one was removed immediately on his reception, the others after they had been respectively 35 days and 104 days in the prison.

There has been no alteration in the buildings or in the discipline of the prison since the last report.

The number of punishments for prison offences has been, males, 542; females, 118.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 2,648*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

CUMBERLAND.

CARLISLE COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

—	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	380	150	530	6	73
Average daily number in custody -	65	22	87	—	—
Re-committals - - -	92	73	165	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	91	—	91	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - - -	—	25	25	—	—

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	2,321	14	5
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	25	7	2
Net profit on work done by the prisoners during the year - - - - -	115	7	11

The prison affords accommodation for 81 male and 31 female criminals in cells which have not been certified. There are also 11 sleeping rooms and two day rooms for debtors, two cells for punishment, and two reception cells.

The cells are neither warmed, ventilated, nor supplied with artificial light, neither are they furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate with an officer.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m., and go to bed at 6 p.m. They are employed 10 hours daily at the treadwheel (on which 32 persons can work at one time), at the crank, breaking stones, mat-making, weaving, and at needlework. The best conducted prisoners are selected by the governor for employment in the prison services. When associated they are under the supervision of an officer.

Prisoners employed breaking stones are not tasked at their work.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs.ozs.	lbs.ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs.	lbs.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
2nd - -	8 12	7 14	—	—	14	14	7	7	—	—
3rd - -	13 2	10 4	8	8	14	14	4	4	3	3
4th - -	13 2	10 8	12	8	14	14	4	4	3	3
5th - -	14 0	10 8	16	12	14	14	4	4	3	3

The provisions are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s.* 3*d.* per head.

The surgeon states: "The health of the prisoners, generally, "is good. The provisions are of good quality. The dietary "is sufficient, and not more than sufficient, to maintain the "health and strength of the prisoners. One prisoner died "of consumption; and two were removed to a lunatic "asylum, one of whom is represented to have been insane, "and the other of weak intellect when admitted."

The chaplain attends from 2½ to 3 hours daily. The schoolmaster is occupied 33 hours weekly giving instruction to the prisoners. The matron acts also as schoolmistress. Roman Catholic prisoners who decline to see a minister of their own denomination are required to sign the register to that effect.

Plans for a proposed new wing have been submitted for the approval of the Secretary of State. In the meantime no alteration has been made in the buildings, or in the discipline of the prison.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison, including a pension of 14*s.* per week to a retired officer, amounts to 1,050*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*

DERBYSHIRE.

DERBY COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	1,236	182	1,418	—	—
Average daily number in custody	201	25	226	17	396
Re-committals - - - - -	420	32	452	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	233	—	233	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	29	29	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	25	

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	6,911	1	8
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - -	30	11	6

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - -	231	21	46	6	304
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - -	202	10	34	3	249
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - -	298	12	41	—	351
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - -	162	3	13	1	179
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - -	116	—	11	—	127
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - -	66	—	12	—	78
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	39	—	3	—	42
„ 1 year „ 2 „ - -	11	—	—	—	11
„ 2 „ - - - - - - - -	2	—	—	—	2
Penal servitude of every duration - - -	14	—	—	—	14

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average number of prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Shoemaking - - -	3	—	3	4 3 9		
Tailoring - - - -	3	—	3	3 15 6		
Oakum picking - - -	21	—	21	11 2 0		
Stone breaking - -	15	—	15	21 11 0		
Mat making - - -	6	—	6	69 4 6	567 4 9	
Weaving - - - -	4	—	4	15 2 0		
Joinering - - - -	3	—	3	7 3 0		
Smithing - - - -	3	—	3	2 11 0		
Cleaning and sewing - -	—	17	17	—		
Treadwheel - - -	72	—	72	—		
Total number employed at profitable labour - -	130	17	147	134 12 9	567 4 9	701 17 6

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For Criminals.			
Ordinary cells (not certified) -	213	23	236
Punishment cells „ -	6	2	8
Reception cells - - -	2	—	2
For Debtors.			
Sleeping cells - - -	19	—	19
Day rooms - - -	2	—	2

The cells are not properly warmed or ventilated, and very few of them are furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate with an officer.

The prisoners are required to rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m., but as the cells are not all supplied with artificial light, this rule can scarcely be carried out in the winter months; they are employed 10 hours daily, those at 1st class hard labour on the treadwheel and breaking stones; the 2nd class labour consists of "shoemaking," "tailoring," "mat making," "weaving," "picking oakum," "smiths' and joiners' work."

The treadmill labour is applied to grinding corn, 48 prisoners can work on it at one time, each prisoner occupying a separate compartment; those employed breaking stones are required to break ¾ yard per day; they are all under the observation of an officer. Prisoners are selected by the governor for employment in the services of the prison.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	8 0	6 9	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd - -	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10	2½	2½
4th - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th - -	10 0	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8	3	3

CLASS.	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.
1st - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	12
2nd - -	—	—	2	2	—	—	24	18
3rd - -	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - -	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - -	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

Fifty-four prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 1,683 days.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract.

The surgeon attends daily, the general health of the prisoners has been good; one prisoner has died; one has been pardoned on medical grounds, and one removed to the County Lunatic Asylum.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services, superintends the schools and visits the prisoners, the schoolmaster and mistress attend daily and discharge their duties satisfactorily.

The Roman Catholic minister attends the prison once a week, and visits all prisoners of his persuasion who desire to see him.

Plans for enlarging the females' prison have been submitted to the Secretary of State, but have not been approved. In the meantime no alteration has been made either in the buildings or in the discipline.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 2,562*l.* 14*s.*

DURHAM.

DURHAM COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	2,389	931	3,320	31	217
Average daily number in custody -	314	84	400	10	
Re-committals - - - - -	580	324	904	—	
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	349	—	349	—	
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	106	106	—	
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	15	

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	7,130	18	2
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	14	14	4½

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	439	42	328	7	816
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	430	57	202	11	700
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	537	32	207	4	780
„ 1 month „ 2 „	350	10	60	3	413
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	205	24	40	5	274
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	105	—	24	—	129
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	57	—	10	—	67
„ 1 year „ 2 „	37	—	8	—	45
Penal servitude of every duration	26	—	11	—	37

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average number of Prisoners exclusive of Sundays.			Actual Profit on Work done by the Prisoners for Sale.
	M.	F.	Total.	
				£ s. d.
Oakum picking and packing	176	16	192	
Rope yarn drawing	3	—	3	334 12 0½
Rope making	3	—	3	
Rope beating	14	—	14	
Tailoring and mending	6	—	6	
Shoemaking „	4	—	4	
Weaving cloth, &c.	14	—	14	448 11 3
Knitting	—	20	20	
Needle women	—	35	35	
Mat making with loom	4	—	4	
„ by hand	9	—	9	
Coir picking and plaiting	8	—	8	250 19 3
Stack and cart-cover making	2	—	2	
Stone breaking	6	—	6	
Work done by females	—	—	—	91 10 7½
Total number employed at profitable labour	249	71	320	1,125 13 2
Daily average number employed at labour, not estimated; viz.,—				
Labourers at the new buildings	40	—	40	
Painters, masons, joiners, and cooks, general cleaning, and incidentals	18	11	29	
Unemployed; viz.,—				
Debtors	10	—	10	
Sick	7	2	9	
Total	324	84	408	

Accommodation for Prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For Criminals.			
Certified separate cells -	260	116	376
Ordinary cells (not certified) -	16	30	46
Punishment cells - -	7	2	9
Reception cells - - -	10	—	10
For Debtors.			
Sleeping cells - - -	4	1	5
Day room - - -	1	—	1

Since the last report a part of the old debtors' ward has been converted into an infirmary for male criminals, and extensive additions are in progress in the south wing of the men's prison.

The prisoners rise at 5.30 a.m., and go to bed at 8 p.m.; they are employed 10 hours daily, the hard labour of the 1st class consists of stone breaking, mat making with a loom, and rope beating; labour of the 2nd class, shoemaking, tailoring, rope making, weaving, mat making, picking and packing oakum, joiners' and masons' work, &c.

Prisoners are selected by the Governor for employment in the services of the prison; when associated they are under the constant supervision of an officer.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners of each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
2nd	10 8	8 12	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1
3rd	8 8	5 10	—	—	14	14	4 0	4 0	3	3
4th	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	4 0	4 0	3	3
5th	10 0	6 6	12	12	14	14	4 0	4 0	3	3
6th	10 8	8 8	16	12	14	14	4 0	4 0	3	3

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 1*s.* 9*d.* per head.

The surgeon attends daily, and examines every prisoner once a week. He states: "The health of the prisoners "generally has been good; the provisions are good in "quality, and not more than sufficient; the warming and "drainage are satisfactory; and when the building now in

" progress is completed the ventilation will be much im-
" proved."

Sixteen prisoners have died during the year, the verdict in each case was " Death from natural causes."

The chaplain performs daily service, with two full services on Sunday, admonishes all prisoners on reception and discharge, and visits the prisoners in their cells. The Roman Catholics are all confined in one wing, and are visited by a minister of their own persuasion regularly on Sunday and occasionally during the week. The schoolmasters and schoolmistress are engaged five hours daily giving instruction to the prisoners. There is a refuge for discharged prisoners which has been successful in its operations.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 2,117*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*

LANCASHIRE.

KIRKDALE COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

Criminal Prisoners.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	1,947	471	2,418
Average daily number in custody	316	86	402
Re-committals	527	145	672
Greatest number of ale criminals at any one time	360	—	360
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	112	112

	£	s.	d.
The total ordinary expenditure for the prison	8,510	19	10
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	18	12	6

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding one month	1,194	55	303	9	1,561
Above 1 and not exceeding 2 months	147	2	22	—	171
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	145	2	29	1	177
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	100	—	31	—	131
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	82	—	32	—	114
„ 1 year „ 2 „	32	—	5	—	37
Penal Servitude of every duration	48	—	5	—	53

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been Employed during the Year, with their Earnings.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Weaving mats and matting	27	—	27			
Do. calicoes	3	—	3			
Winding and warping	15	—	15			
Crank labour	16	—	16			
Tailoring	6	—	6			
Cleaning, &c. &c.	24	—	24			
Joiners	3	—	3	993 3 1	320 0 0	1,313 3 1
Smith	1	—	1			
Mechanic	1	—	1			
Labourers	24	—	24			
Picking oakum	200	—	200			
Shoemaking	16	—	16			
Washing and cleaning	—	60	60			
Making shirts	—	20	20			
Total number employed at profitable labour	336	80	416	—	—	—

Accommodation for Prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified)	282	120	400
„ „ (not certified)	39	—	—
Punishment cells	8	4	12
Reception cells	9	1	10

A new wing to contain 132 separate cells is now being built, when completed the prison will afford separate accommodation for all classes of criminal prisoners.

The prisoners rise at 5.30 a.m., and go to bed at 8.30 p.m.; they are employed 10 hours daily, weaving cocoa-nut matting, linsey woolsey, and calico, &c., making mats, opening and teasing hair and cocoa fibre, picking oakum, cotton, and wool, all by task work; some prisoners are also employed at their own trades when required for the use of the establishment.

Well-conducted prisoners, without reference to any particular class, are selected for employment in the service of the prison; when in association they are under the constant supervision of an officer.

It is proposed to erect a treadwheel in order to provide hard labour of 1st class for all prisoners for the period prescribed in the Statutory Rule 34. The water for the use of the prison is pumped by crank labour, 16 prisoners (all in separate compartments) working on the crank at one time.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st -	7 0	6 2	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
2nd -	8 12	7 0	—	—	14	14	5 4	3 8	1	1
3rd -	8 12	7 0	6	4	14	14	3 8	2 10	2	2
4th -	10 8	7 14	12	8	14	14	2 0	1 8	3	3

No extra diet has been issued.

The provisions are of good quality, but the surgeon does not consider the general dietary sufficient for prisoners employed at hard labour.

The average weekly cost of the food is 1*s.* 9¾*d.* per head.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services, superintends the schools and the distribution of books to the prisoners, and sees the prisoners in private.

The schoolmaster attends daily from 9 to 5, except on Saturday afternoon; the schoolmistress from 2 to 5 daily, to give instruction to the prisoners in their cells; they discharge their duties satisfactorily. The supply of books is sufficient.

A Roman Catholic minister has been appointed to visit prisoners of that denomination.

The surgeon attends daily and sees every prisoner at least once a week, he also makes a general monthly inspection accompanied by the Governor. He says: "The sanitary "state of the gaol has been good during the year, excepting "in the spring quarter when relapsing fever displayed itself, "27 being the number of cases, several of which were of "unusual severity recurring again and again." "The "provisions are of good quality, but the general dietary, "I consider, is insufficient for maintaining the health and "strength of the prisoners, especially those engaged at hard "labour;* the clothing and bedding are sufficient; the warm-"ing and ventilation, in the main, and drainage satis-"factory."

Five prisoners died during the year, and one was executed, six prisoners were pardoned on medical grounds, and six were removed to a lunatic asylum, one prisoner escaped and was not recaptured.

There has been no alteration in the buildings or in the discipline of the prison since the last report, but so soon as the treadwheel is erected, and the new wing completed, ample means will be provided for enforcing the rules as contained in the Prison Act, 1865.

LIVERPOOL BOROUGH GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Court of Passage.
Prisoners committed in the year -	4,195	3,551	7,746	67
Average daily number in custody	530	343	873	4
Re-committals - - - -	1,364	2,416	4,280	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - - -	603	—	603	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	411	411	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - -	—	—	—	10

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	16,377	10	9
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	15	16	8

* The issue of the 5th class diet, which had been suspended by the Visiting Justices, has been resumed since the above report was written.

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	1,167	315	2,092	49	3,623
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	528	104	233	16	881
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	717	47	411	17	1,192
„ 1 month „ 2 „	418	15	198	2	633
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	402	9	189	2	602
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	158	1	116	—	275
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	124	—	71	—	195
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	29	—	18	—	47
Penal servitude of every duration	51	—	45	—	96
Left for trial, acquitted, and not prosecuted	107	3	91	1	202

TABLE showing how the PRISONERS have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
Opening junk and picking oakum	354	104	458	£ s. d. 637 12 7	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 637 12 7
Mat-making and weaving matting	60	—	60	639 14 1	—	639 14 1
Tailoring	9	—	9	39 7 11	144 4 5	183 12 4
Shoemaking	8	—	8	21 17 7	78 16 0	100 13 7
Tinmen, joiners, and gardeners	8	—	8	32 11 10	45 12 7	78 4 5
Weaving for prisoners' clothing, calico and linsey	8	—	8	—	27 10 2	27 10 2
Ropers	9	—	9	292 17 8	—	292 17 8
Sewing, knitting, and washing for hire	—	158	158	301 13 11	227 12 6	529 6 5
Total number employed at profitable labour	457	262	719	1,965 15 7	523 15 8	2,489 11 3

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified)	594	407	1,001
„ „ (not certified)	14	14	28
Punishment cells (certified)	18	12	30

For Debtors.

Sleeping cells	19	8	27
Day rooms	4	1	5

The prisoners rise at 5.30 a.m., and go to bed at 8 p.m. They are employed 9 and 10 hours daily. Those sentenced to hard labour for periods exceeding 6 months are not allowed to work in association until one half the term of their sentence has expired. A treadwheel is now in course of erection, in the meantime the prisoners on 1st class hard labour are employed "pumping water by crank, weaving "lindsey and matting, mat making, picking oakum, and "sinnot plaiting;" those on hard labour of the 2nd class, picking hemp and cocoa-nut fibre, tailoring, shoemaking, weaving calico, winding bobbins, washing, sewing, and knitting. Well-conducted prisoners who have served at least three months of their sentence, and have earned the privilege under the mark system, are selected for employment in the service of the prison.

All prisoners sentenced to hard labour sleep on a guard bed for the first month of their sentence.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Cheese.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs.ozs.	lbs.ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs.ozs.	lbs.ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	1½	1½	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd -	10 8	10 8	—	—	1½	1½	—	—	3	1	—	—
3rd -	8 2	7 4	9	9	1½	1½	1 8	1 8	3	3	2	2
4th -	8 2	7 4	12	9	1½	1½	1 8	1 8	3	3	3	3
5th -	10 0	7 4	12	9	1½	1½	1 8	1 8	4½	3	3	3

Prisoners who earn a good mark have in the following week, in addition to the ordinary diet of their class, 4 ozs. of bread daily, ½ a pint of soup on Tuesday, and 1 oz. of cheese on Sunday.

The women employed in the wash-house receive tea or some other allowance, and extra diet has been issued to other prisoners by order of the surgeon for the aggregate number of 488 days.

The provisions are supplied by contract. They are of good quality, and sufficient. The warming, ventilation, and drainage are satisfactory.

Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s.* 2¼*d.* per head.

The surgeon visits the sick daily, he also sees the prisoners on admission, and every prisoner once a month. The assistant surgeon (who resides on the premises) sees every prisoner once a week, and visits at all hours those who are sick. Six prisoners have died; the verdict of the jury in each case

was "Death from natural causes." Five prisoners have received pardons on medical grounds.

The Roman Catholics prisoners are visited by a minister of their own persuasion: his duties are similar to those of the chaplain; viz., weekly and daily services in the chapel; daily visits to the sick; and to every prisoner once a week. The schoolmasters and schoolmistress visit all the prisoners and impart instruction, when required, to those who are committed for periods exceeding one month. The prison is well supplied with books. The Visiting Justices meet at the gaol once a week, and order such relief as they think expedient to prisoners about to be discharged. An officer is specially appointed to administer the relief ordered. This plan has only been a few weeks in operation, so no results can be given.

Since the last report the new wash-house and laundry have been completed and occupied; and a system of marks has been introduced by which prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for any term exceeding two months receive good or bad marks, according to their industry or idleness. Prisoners receive a good mark for each day in which they perform the task allotted to them in a satisfactory manner, and a bad mark if they are idle; in case of gross idleness or misconduct, the governor has power to award more than one bad mark.

With a view to the better understanding of the mark system as practised in this gaol, I cannot do better than publish, as an Appendix to this Report, a letter addressed to me by the governor, which affords a full and clear explanation of the system pursued. This letter was written with the sanction and under the instruction of the Chairman of the Visiting Justices, who, having bestowed much attention on the subject, drew up a plan of discipline which the present governor since his appointment to the office has zealously carried out.

When I last visited the prison I found the prisoners generally industrious and contented. The number of punishments for prison offences had decreased, and a general improvement was observable throughout the prison.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 6,390*l.* The pensions to retired officers, to 501*l.* 19*s.*

MANCHESTER CITY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	3,995	2,064	6,059	68	305
Average daily number in custody	442	186	628	5	21
Re-committals	901	594	1,495	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	506	—	506	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	203	203	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	26	

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	11,258	9	5
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	15	3	4

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentence.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	1,171	89	762	8	2,030
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	345	24	435	4	808
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	473	106	257	16	852
„ 1 month „ 2 „	222	24	63	1	310
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	336	27	128	4	495
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	192	12	64	3	271
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	70	2	23	1	96
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	28	1	16	—	45
Penal Servitude of every duration	43	—	16	—	59

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on work done by Prisoners during the Year.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Coir-matting, weaving, plaiting, hand loom weaving, mat making, tailoring, and shoemaking	278	—	278	£ s. d. 1,732 5 6
Sewing, washing, and knitting	—	106	106	
Total number employed at profitable labour	278	106	384	1,732 5 6

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified) -	550	289	839
Punishment cells (certified) -	16	9	25

For Debtors.

Sleeping rooms - - -	1	1	2
Day rooms - - -	1	1	2

The prisoners rise at 5.30 a.m. and go to bed at 9 p.m. They are employed 10 hours daily, on the crank or hard labour machine (of which there are 50 in the prison), matting, weaving, and plaiting coir by a machine, matmaking, calico weaving, tailoring, shoemaking, sewing, and washing. The best conducted prisoners of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th classes are selected for employment in the prison services.

The Town Council have called for tenders for the erection of a treadwheel.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.
2nd -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1
3rd -	8 12	7 14	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2
4th -	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3
5th -	9 10	7 14	16	12	14	14	7 0	3 8	3	3

The provisions are of good quality, supplied by contract. The average weekly cost is 2*s.* 3*d.* per head.

Thirty-nine prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 3,580 days.

Prisoners sentenced for periods not exceeding three months, are required to sleep on a guard bed for the first month of their imprisonment.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services, and is engaged 5½ hours daily with the sick, and visiting and instructing the prisoners both in class and in their cells. The schoolmaster and schoolmistress attend from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A Roman Catholic priest has been appointed, and attends daily on the prisoners of that persuasion; and free access is allowed to ministers of all

denominations, subject to the approval of the Visiting Justices.

The surgeon attends daily and examines all the prisoners once in the week. He states, "The general condition of "health is very favourable. The provisions are good and "ample for all purposes. The clothing and bedding are "sufficient and clean, and all sanitary conditions are "favourable."

One debtor and six criminal prisoners have died, all from natural causes.

The number of punishments for prison offences has been, males, 1,923; females, 587.

The prison is in good order, and I received no complaints requiring special remark.

The officers of the prison are,—a governor, chaplain, surgeon, Roman Catholic minister, matron, schoolmaster, and schoolmistress, 3 clerks, 1 storekeeper, 30 warders, 5 trades' instructors, 1 engineer, 1 cook, 1 stoker, 2 watchmen, and 1 watchwoman; their united salaries amount to 4,115*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*

PRESTON COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	1,764	449	2,213	170
Average daily number in custody	325	30	355	
Re-committals	739	196	935	
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	348	—	348	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	47	47	—
Greatest number of debtors at any time	—	—	—	21

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	7,740	18	9
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	12	18	4

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	680	28	230	4	942
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	527	13	118	5	663
„ 1 month „ 2 „	71	46	—	2	119
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	155	17	21	2	195
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	156	11	27	—	194
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	97	3	25	—	125
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	84	3	18	—	105
„ 2 years	6	—	1	—	7
Penal servitude of every duration	29	1	3	—	33

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those employed.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
Labourers Mechanics Cotton picking Mat making Tailoring Shoemaking Worsted winding Joining Opening hair Weaving Blacksmiths and Plumbers Bookbinders Washing, sewing, &c.	267	19	286	£ s. d. 1,484 13 5	£ s. d. 680 8 9	£ s. d. 2,165 2 2
Total number employed at profitable labour	267	19	286	—	—	—

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified)	318	—	318
„ „ (not certified)	47	33	80
Punishment cells (certified)	6	—	6
For Debtors.			
Sleeping cells and rooms	12	—	12
Day rooms	1	—	1

Hospitals for male and female prisoners are now building, and a sum of money has been granted by the Justices in General Sessions for building 80 cells for female prisoners, and three additional warders (including a chief warder) have been appointed.

The prisoners rise at 5.30 in summer and 6.30 in winter. They are employed 10 hours daily, on the cranks (the power is applied to weaving and trimming mats), weaving cocoa-

matting by hand, making mats and rugs, shoemaking, tailoring, coopers, joiners, and tin-plate workers, picking cotton, wool, hair, cocoa-fibre, and oakum, by task-work, painting, whitewashing, &c., &c.

Well-conducted prisoners who have served a large portion of their sentence are selected for employment in the services of the prison.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Cheese.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.
1st -	7 14	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd -	9 12	8 8	—	—	14	14	—	—	4	4	—	—
3rd -	7 14	7 12	6	6	14	14	2 8	1 4	6	6	4	4
4th -	10 0	7 6	8	6	14	14	3 0	2 8	6	6	4	4
5th -	11 1	—	8	—	14	—	4 0	—	6	—	4	—

The provisions are of good quality, supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of the food is 1*s.* 9*d.* per head.

Sixty-three prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 1,727 days.

All convicted prisoners, under 50 years of age, sleep on a guard bed the first 14 days of their imprisonment.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services, and is engaged from four to five hours in his general duties in the prison. A Roman Catholic minister attends daily. The schoolmaster and schoolmistress discharge their duties satisfactorily; and the supply of books is sufficient.

The surgeon attends every day. He states: "The health "of the prisoners in general is, and has been during the "past year, very satisfactory. The provisions are of good "quality, and the diet sufficient, and not more than sufficient, "to maintain the health and strength of the prisoners, "especially those occupied in hard labour. The warming, "ventilation, and drainage on the males' side are satisfac- "tory. The females' side is in the same condition as it was "last year; but steps are being taken for the erection of "a new wing for the reception of female prisoners." Five prisoners have died from natural causes, and one committed suicide in a fit of temporary insanity; one prisoner was removed to a lunatic asylum.

A prisoner effected his escape, but was recaptured on the same day.

The number of punishments for prison offences has been, males, 4,456; females, 63.

The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, Roman Catholic minister, surgeon, matron, and 28 subordinate officers; their united salaries amount to 2,574*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.*

SALFORD NEW BAILEY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

Criminal Prisoners.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year -	3,064	1,098	4,162
Average daily number in custody -	422	146	568
Re-committals - - -	1,204	526	1,730
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	489	—	489
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	147	147

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	9,090	15	8
Average annual cost per prisoner after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - - -	10	19	9

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentence.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - - -	642	38	333	7	1,020
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	350	30	146	6	532
„ 14 days „ 1 month - - -	398	67	157	12	634
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	533	51	92	7	683
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	194	15	70	5	284
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	321	8	108	11	448
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - - -	103	6	51	4	164
„ 1 year „ 2 „ - - - -	31	3	20	—	54
Penal servitude of every duration - - -	100	—	26	—	126

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those employed.

Description of Employment.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by the Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Males—Smiths, joiners, bricklayers, stonemasons, plumbers, painters and glaziers, matting weaving, linen weaving, mat weaving, mat making, shoemaking, tailoring, and picking wool, cotton, hair, and oakum - - - -	313	—	313	2,821 0 9	977 18 7	3,798 19 4
Females — Shirt making, winding bobbins for the weavers, heald mat making, making and mending for the prisoners of both sexes, washing and ironing	—	124	124	—	—	—
Total number employed at profitable labour -	313	124	437	2,821 0 9	977 18 7	3,798 19 4

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified) - -	55	40	95
Ditto (not certified) -	361	89	450
Punishment cells (not certified) -	11	3	14

No alteration has been made in the buildings since the last report; but a prison is now being built on a new site. In the meantime the prisoners in the old gaol are associated without adequate supervision.

The prisoners rise at 5.30 a.m. in summer and at 6 in winter; those in association go to bed at 7 o'clock, the others at 8 p.m. They are employed from 9 to 10 hours daily.

Hard labour of the 1st class consists of work on the treadwheel and cranks, heavy weaving, making mats by hand with heavy beater, work at platting and clipping machines, rope and oakum beating. Hard labour of the 2nd class; weaving calico, making chain mats, shoemaking, tailoring, tin-plate working, coopers, turners, painters, whitewashing, splicing cocoa yarn for weaving, winding bobbins, picking cotton, wool, hair, cocoa fibre, and oakum, by task work, washing, sewing, knitting, &c., &c.

Prisoners are selected by the Visiting Justices for employment in the prison service.

Prisoners on the treadwheel work in separate compartments, the power is not applied to any useful purpose.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
2nd -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
3rd -	8 12	7 14	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2
4th -	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3
5th -	9 10	7 14	12	9	14	14	7 0	3 8	4	4

The provisions are of good quality and sufficient; supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of the food is 1*s.* 9½*d.* per head. No extra diet has been issued during the year.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services, visits the hospitals and prisoners under punishment daily, and other prisoners frequently. The schoolmaster and schoolmistress attend daily. There is a sufficient supply of

books. A Roman Catholic priest has access to the prisoners of that persuasion, and the same privilege is extended to prisoners of other religious denominations when they desire it.

The surgeon attends daily. He states: "The general "health has been good. The diet is good in quality and "sufficient for every class. Sixteen prisoners have died from "natural causes, and one was executed. Four prisoners were "removed to the Prestwich Lunatic Asylum."

The number of punishments for prison offences has been, males, 4,566; females, 982.

The building of the new gaol, which was for some time delayed by the difficulty of obtaining skilled labour, has now made considerable progress, and it is expected that the prison will be ready to be occupied early in the year 1868.

The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, schoolmaster, and schoolmistress, 2 clerks, 1 storekeeper, 1 chief warder, 1 taskmaster, 26 male warders, 10 female warders, 1 gate porter, and 2 watchmen. Their united salaries amount to 4,272*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.*

LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEICESTER COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	325	56	381	15	139
Average daily number in custody -	53	11	64	4	
Re-committals - - - - -	147	14	161	2	42
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	74	—	74	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	17	17	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	10	

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison -	3,713	0	10
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	49	19	3

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - - -	46	2	6	—	54
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - -	50	10	9	2	71
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - - -	74	1	15	2	92
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	57	1	10	—	68
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	26	1	3	—	30
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	2	—	1	—	3
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	13	2	2	—	17
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „ - - -	4	—	1	—	5
Penal servitude of every duration - - -	6	—	—	—	6

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Shoemaking, tailoring, smithing, whitewashing, mat and matting weaving, mat and mop making, coir picking and plaiting, coir rubber and brush making, hammock mending, wool and waste picking, cooking, carpentering, painting, bricklaying, masoning, and framework knitting - -	29	—	29	241 7 5	All work charged for in the foregoing Column.	241 7 5
Clothes making and mending, and washing, mat making, and wool and waste picking - - -	—	9	9	—	—	—
Total number employed at profitable labour - -	29	9	38	241 7 5	—	241 7 5

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For Criminals.			
Ordinary cells (certified) - -	184	20	204
„ (not certified) -	48	—	48
Punishment cells (certified) -	2	1	3
Reception cells - - -	12	2	14
For Debtors.			
Sleeping cells - - -	18	4	22
Day rooms - - -	2	1	3

All the cells are lighted, warmed, and ventilated, and furnished with bells.

The prisoners rise at ¼ before 6 a.m. and go to bed at 10 p.m. On Sundays they go to bed an hour earlier. They sleep in hammocks, the guard bed not being in use, except in the punishment cells.

The hard labour of the 1st class comprises the hard labour machine, and matting weaving in a heavy loom. Prisoners on 2d class labour are employed in different handicraft trades, picking coir or other material, washing, and needlework. Those on the hard labour machine work eight hours per day, the others are employed 9 hours. All are in separate cells during the day as well as at night.

Weekly Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs.ozs.	lbs.ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs.ozs.	lbs.ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	1¼	1¼	—	—	—	—	5½	5½	—	—
2nd -	10 8	7 14	3	3	1¼	1¼	0 3	0 3	1	1	5½	5½	—	—
3rd -	8 12	7 14	12	12	1¼	1¼	4 6	4 6	2	2	5½	5½	—	—
4th -	10 8	7 14	21	21	1¼	1¼	2 9	2 9	3	3	5½	5½	—	—
5th -	9 10	7 14	25	21	11	11	7 9	4 1	3	3	4⅛	4⅛	3	3

Four prisoners received extra diet by order of the surgeon for the aggregate number of 266 days.

The provisions and stores are supplied chiefly by contract. The average weekly cost of the food was 2*s.* 11*d.* per head.

The surgeon sees each prisoner daily. He states: "the "the general condition of the prisoners' health is very good;

" the provisions are of good quality, and as a rule, sufficient, " but not more than sufficient; the clothing and bedding " are sufficient ; the warming, ventilation, and drainage " satisfactory." One prisoner died of pleurisy. The verdict of the jury was " Died from natural causes."

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services, visits the sick, and prisoners under punishment daily, and frequently visits the prisoners in their cells. The schoolmaster is well qualified, and discharges his duty to the chaplain's satisfaction.

The supply of books is sufficient. Every facility is afforded to prisoners who do not belong to the Church of England to see a minister of their own religious denomination, without their being required to originate a request to that effect.

No alteration has been made in the prison since the last report.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 2,001*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*, the pensions to retired officers to 219*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

LEICESTER BOROUGH GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	417	109	526
Average daily number in custody	64	13	77
Re-committals - -	159	24	183
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time -	73	—	73
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time -	—	21	21

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison -	2,013	7	9
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - -	23	0	4

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - - -	77	6	39	1	123
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	21	4	4	1	30
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - - -	85	13	13	—	111
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	54	13	13	1	81
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	36	7	5	1	49
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	16	1	9	—	26
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	13	—	2	—	15
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „ - - -	6	—	3	—	9
Penal servitude of every duration - - -	10	—	1	—	11

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Matting weaving, mat-making, and other coir work - - - -	41	—	41	240 17 3		
Shoemakers and tailors -	4	—	4			
Carpenters, smiths, stocking makers, painters, white-washers, cooking, cleaning, washing, laundry work, and sewing - - -	9	10	19	—	264 13 5	505 10 8
Total number employed at profitable labour - -	54	10	64	240 17 3	264 13 5	505 10 8

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified) - -	106	—	106
Ditto (not certified) -	—	21	21
Punishment cells (not certified) -	1	1	2

The plans for a new wing for the female prisoners, with a chapel, infirmaries for males and females, school rooms, and offices, have been approved by the Secretary of State, but the females are still confined in the old gaol, which is

so defective in construction that no sort of discipline can be maintained.

The prisoners rise at 5.40 a.m., and go to bed at 8.45 p.m. They are employed from 9 to 10 hours daily, except those on the treadwheel, who only work 8 hours. Hard labour of the 1st class consists of work at the treadwheel, and at the cellular crank or hard labour machine, and weaving matting in a heavy loom. 2nd class labour comprises mat making and other coir work, and employment as carpenters, smiths, tailors, shoemakers, and other handicraft trades, as opportunity offers. Well-conducted prisoners who have completed their term of 1st class labour are selected by the Visiting Justices for employment in the prison service.

The treadwheel affords accommodation for ten prisoners in separate compartments.

An officer is always present with the male prisoners when they are associated, but the supervision of the females is very insufficient.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs.ozs.	lbs.ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs.ozs.	lbs.ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	5½	5½	—	—
2nd -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	—	5½	5½	—	—
3rd -	8 12	7 14	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2	5½	5½	—	—
4th -	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	6	3	5½	5½	—	—
5th -	9 10	7 14	16	12	11	11	7 0	3 8	3	3	4½	4½	3	3

One prisoner received extra diet by order of the surgeon for 48 days.

The provisions are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s.* 11*d.* per head.

The surgeon states, "I examine each prisoner twice a "week, if really ill he is seen daily. The general health "has been good. The provisions are of good quality, and "not more than sufficient." One prisoner was removed to the County Lunatic Asylum.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services; visits all the prisoners separately once a week; superintends the schools, and sees each prisoner on admission and discharge. The principal warder acts as schoolmaster,

and the assistant matron as schoolmistress. They each devote on an average 1½ hours daily to the instruction of the prisoners.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 740*l.* 4*s.*

LINCOLNSHIRE.

FALKINGHAM COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	166	42	208
Average daily number in custody	22	5	27
Re-committals - - -	31	7	38
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	32	—	32
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	9	9

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison -	1,003	1	4
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - - -	32	4	6

Table showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentence.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	24	3	3	2	32
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - -	39	6	15	—	60
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - -	37	5	10	3	55
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - -	22	1	3	3	29
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - -	15	—	2	—	17
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - -	8	—	1	—	9
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - -	4	—	—	—	4
„ 1 year „ 2 „ - - -	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.
	M.	F.	Total.	
				£ s. d.
Tailoring and shoemaking	1	—	1	10 0 0
Cooking, whitewashing, and cleaning	2	—	2	30 0 0
Washing and needlework	—	3	3	30 0 0
Treadwheel and crank for raising water	18	—	18	—
Total number employed	21	3	24	70 0 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (not certified)	44	10	54
Punishment cells (not certified)	2	2	4

None of the cells are warmed or ventilated, and only 26 are furnished with gas.

The prisoners rise at 5.30 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m.; they are employed ten hours daily on the treadwheel (on which ten prisoner can work at the same time, in separate compartments), or on the cranks, which are made to accommodate 16 prisoners, separated in the same manner; the labour on the cranks is used for pumping water; the treadwheel labour is unproductive. Prisoners are under supervision while at labour.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Sugar in Gruel.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st*	3 0	3 0	—	—	6	6	—	—	—	—	1½	1½	—	—
2nd	10 8	7 14	8	3	14	14	—	—	1	1	4½	4½	—	—
3rd	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2	4½	4½	—	—
4th	10 8	7 14	21	21	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3	4½	4½	—	—
5th	10 8	7 14	25	21	11	11	7 0	3 8	3	3	4½	4½	3	3

* This class is for three days only.

The provisions are of good quality, and not more than sufficient for prisoners employed at hard labour; they are

supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of the food is 2*s.* 4*d.* per head.

Fourteen prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 106 days.

The chaplain continues to perform the duties detailed in former reports. There is no schoolmaster or schoolmistress, but one of the warders assists in the evening those prisoners who are anxious to learn to read; the chaplain has a general permission to furnish such books as he considers necessary. The privilege of being visited by a minister of their own denomination is offered to all prisoners, but no prisoner has availed himself of this permission for many years.

The surgeon attends daily, and examines all the prisoners once a week. The general health has been good. No prisoner has died or been removed on medical grounds during the year.

It will be necessary to make considerable alterations in the cells before they can be certified under the provisions of the 18th section of the Prison Act, 1865.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison (including 100*l.* to be paid annually to the late governor and matron, who were superannuated at the Michaelmas sessions,) amount to 540*l.*

GRANTHAM BOROUGH GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	55	10	65
Average daily number in custody	7	1	8
Re-committals - - -	4	—	4
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	9	—	9
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time -	—	3	3

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison -	230	1	11
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	24	19	6¾

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	13	—	5	—	18
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	7	—	1	—	8
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	20	—	—	—	20
„ 1 month „ 2 „	6	—	1	—	7
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	3	—	3	—	6
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	3	—	—	—	3
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	2	—	—	—	2
Penal servitude of every duration	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
Wood-cutting	6	1	7	£ s. d. 30 5 5	£ s. d. 5 0 0	£ s. d. 35 5 5
Cleaning, washing, cooking, &c.	1	—	1	—	—	—
Total number employed at profitable labour	7	1	8	—	—	—

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (not certified)	12	2	14

Of this number four only are warmed and ventilated, the others are unfit to be used for the confinement of prisoners during the winter months.

No alteration has been made in the building since the last report, and the prison in its present state does not afford any means of proper classification or discipline. The prisoners are employed in one of the yards chopping and cutting wood for kindlers, under the supervision of an officer who is frequently away attending to other duties; with such opportunities for breaking the rules it is fair to suppose the conduct of the prisoners is not always exemplary, but I find no punishment recorded for a prison offence during the year.

Prisoners sentenced for periods exceeding one month are sent to Lincoln Castle under a contract with the county

magistrates, but it is proposed to build a new gaol for the borough on a new site.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m., and are employed from 8 to 10 hours daily.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	5½	5½
2nd -	10 8	7 14	0 4	0 4	14	14	1 0	0 1	—	—	5½	5½
3rd -	8 12	7 14	0 12	0 12	14	14	4 6	4 6	2	2	5½	5½
4th -	10 8	7 14	1 5	1 5	14	14	2 9	2 9	3	3	5½	5½
5th -	9 10	7 14	1 9	1 5	14	14	4 9	2 9	3	3	5½	5½

The provisions are of good quality; they are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost is 2*s.* 8½*d.* per head.

No extra diet has been issued.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday, and visits the prison twice a week.

The surgeon attends twice a week. The general health of the prisoners has been good. There has been no death or removal on medical grounds.

The salaries of the officers amount to 146*l.* 4*s.*

KIRTON-IN-LINDSEY COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	444	64	508
Average daily number in custody	45	9	54
Re-committals - - -	122	13	135
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	68	—	68
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	20	20
		£	*s.* *d.*
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison		1,457	0 10
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - - -		26	7 11½

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	—	1	2	—	3
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	98	4	18	—	120
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	175	7	14	2	198
„ 1 month „ 2 „	92	1	21	—	114
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	26	1	3	—	30
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	17	—	2	—	19
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	15	—	2	—	17
„ 1 „ „ 2 „	5	—	—	—	5
Penal servitude of every duration	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treadwheel, stone breaking, hard labour machines, pumping	23	—	23	—	—	—
Mat making	1	—	1			
Picking oakum	11	—	11			
Brush peg making	2	—	2	31 10 4	—	31 10 4
Bookbinding	1	—	1			
Tailors	1	—	1			
Shoemakers	1	—	1			
Whitewashing and cleansing	5	2	7	—	112 18 5½	112 18 5½
Washing, sewing, knitting, &c.	—	7	7			
Total number employed at profitable labour	22	9	31	31 10 4	112 18 5½	144 8 9½

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (not certified)	52	16	68
Punishment cells (not certified)	1	1	2
Reception cells	3	—	3

All the cells are supplied with artificial light.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m.; those employed at hard labour of the 1st class work at the treadwheel (which accommodates 28 men in separate compartments), and breaking stones, there is also a handmill for grinding corn and one hard labour machine; the 2nd class labour includes mat making, picking oakum, brush-peg making, bookbinding, tailoring, shoemaking, joiners' work, sewing and knitting, and laundry work. Well-conducted prisoners are selected for employment in the prison service.

When associated all prisoners are under supervision.

The labour of the treadwheel and the hard-labour machine are unproductive.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to the Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd	8 0	6 10	—	—	1¼	1¼	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd	9 0	7 10	6	4	1¼	1¼	3 12	2 10	2½	2½
4th	9 14	7 10	8	6	1¼	1¼	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th	10 0	8 2	8	6	1¼	1¼	6 0	4 8	3	3

CLASS.	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.
1st	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

Fifteen prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 268 days.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 1*s.* 11¼*d.* per head.

The surgeon visits the prison daily. He states: "the "food is of good quality and not more than sufficient to

"maintain the health and strength of the prisoners, "especially those employed in hard labour." One prisoner died, he was received on the evening of the 4th April "in a "state of exhaustion from exposure and want of food," and died on the 7th. The verdict of the jury was "Died from "natural causes."

The chaplain performs two full services on Sunday, reads daily prayers, and visits the prisoners in their cells. The schoolmaster and mistress attend daily and perform their duties satisfactorily. Prisoners of religious denominations differing from the Established Church are, when they request it, visited by a minister of their own persuasion.

No alteration has been made in the buildings or in the discipline of the prison, but the question of prison accommodation for this division of the county is now under the consideration of a committee of magistrates appointed for that purpose.

The salaries of the officers of the prison, including a pension to the late governor, amount to 770*l.* 2*s.*

LINCOLN CASTLE COUNTY GAOL.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	61	14	75	25	104
Average daily number in custody -	15	2	17	1	6
Re-committals - - - - -	19	4	23	1	25
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	27	—	27	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	5	5	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	14	

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	1,441	19	5
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	59	1	3

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	15	—	9	—	24
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	21	—	—	—	21
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	86	—	4	—	90
„ 1 month „ 2 „	9	—	—	—	9
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	3	—	3	—	6
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	13	—	—	—	13
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	6	—	1	—	7
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	16	—	1	—	17
Penal servitude of every duration	17	—	—	—	17

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Profit arising from their Labour.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mat making Oakum picking Teasing hair Grass cutting by machinery Stone breaking for prison Washing, sewing, pumping water, and ordinary prison cleaning	15	2	17	24 6 7	105 15 3	130 1 10
Total number employed at profitable labour	15	2	17	24 6 7	105 15 3	130 1 10

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified)	32	12	44
Double cells	8	—	8
Punishment cells (not certified)	3	1	4

For Debtors.

Sleeping cells or rooms	8	1	9
Day rooms	3	1	4

All the cells for criminals are lighted, warmed, and ventilated, and furnished with bells.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. in summer and at 7 in winter, and go to bed at 9 p.m., they are employed ten hours daily; this being the county gaol it is appropriated to prisoners committed for trial at the assizes, and to convicted prisoners sentenced to penal servitude until they are removed to a convict prison, there is therefore very little hard labour of the 1st class.

The employments provided are pumping water and breaking stones for the use of the prison; mat-making, picking oakum, and working the mowing machine in the castle grounds.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to all Prisoners.

Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Sugar in Gruel.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
lbs. ozs. 10 8	lbs. ozs. 7 14	ozs. 12	ozs. 12	pints. 14	pints. 14	lbs. ozs. 2 0	lbs. ozs. 2 0	pints. 3	pints. 3	ozs. 5½	ozs. 5½

No extra diet has been issued.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s.* 3¼*d.* per head.

The prisoners are all in separate confinement unless otherwise ordered on medical grounds. The surgeon visits the prison twice a week. The provisions are of good quality, the general dietary sufficient, but not more than sufficient. The warming, ventilation, and drainage are satisfactory.

A female prisoner charged with causing the death of her child by neglect was removed to a lunatic asylum: she was insane when admitted to the prison.

The chaplain performs divine service twice on Sunday, and reads prayers daily in the chapel; he visits the prisoners, and, as there is no schoolmaster, gives them secular instruction. Prisoners who do not belong to the Church of England are visited by a minister of their own denomination if they request it.

There has been no alteration in the buildings or in the discipline of the gaol since the last report.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison, including a pension of 25*l.* to a retired officer, amount to 840*l.*

LINCOLN CITY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	91	46	137	2	17
Average daily number in custody	14	6	20	—	1
Re-committals	25	9	34	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	24	—	24	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	9	9	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	3	

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	770	5	11
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on the prisoners' earnings	35	1	8

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentence.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	19	5	8	—	32
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	16	2	17	—	35
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	19	—	11	—	30
„ 1 month „ 2 „	14	—	3	—	17
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	7	—	1	—	10
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	2	—	2	—	4
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Oakum and hair teazing	3	2	5	12 5 5	—	12 5 5
Mat making, strap sewing, and shoemaking	1	—	1	5 10 2	2 19 6	8 9 8
Cooking	1	—	1	—	40 0 0	40 0 0
Cleaning, painting, and whitewashing	2	1	3	—	10 17 0	10 17 0
Corn and bean grinding	4	—	4	15 15 4	—	15 15 4
Washing and mending	—	2	2	—	41 17 6	41 17 6
Miscellaneous employment	2	—	2	—	12 6 0	12 6 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	13	5	18	33 10 11	108 0 0	141 10 11

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified) -	25	9	34
Punishment cells (not certified) -	1	—	1
Reception cells - - -	1	1	2

For Debtors.

Sleeping cells - - -	1	1	2

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8.30. They are employed 10 hours daily; those at hard labour of the 1st class on the crankmill grinding corn. There are also two handmills for crushing beans, each worked by one prisoner. The 2nd class labour consists of mat making, picking hair and oakum, sewing straps for machinery, making and mending prison clothes. Well-conducted prisoners are selected for employment in the prison service after they have fulfilled the required period at hard labour of the 1st class.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Sugar in Gruel and Cocoa.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	5½	5½	—	—
2nd -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	5½	5½	—	—
3rd -	8 12	7 14	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2	5½	5½	—	—
4th -	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3	5½	5½	—	—
5th -	9 10	7 14	16	16	11	11	7 0	3 8	3	3	6½	6½	3	3

One prisoner received extra diet for 365 days.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 3*s.* 1*d.* per head.

The surgeon visits the prison twice a week. He states: "The general health of the prisoners has been good, there "has been no epidemic in the prison; the dietary is suffi- "cient, and not more than sufficient; the provisions are of "good quality; and the warming, ventilation, and drainage "are satisfactory."

The chaplain performs divine service once on Sunday, and once during the week; visits the sick daily, and all the

prisoners in their cells frequently. The chief warder acts as schoolmaster, and the matron as schoolmistress. Prisoners who do not belong to the Church of England are told on admission they may see a minister of their own denomination.

There has been no alteration in the buildings or in the discipline of the prison since the last report.

The salaries of the officers of the prison amount to 370*l.*

LOUTH COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year -	499	11	510
Average daily number in custody	49	—	49
Re-committals - - -	174	—	174
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	74	—	74
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time -	—	3*	3

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	1,115	11	10
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	22	6	3¼

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentence.	Males.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	97	13	110
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days -	74	13	87
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	159	7	166
„ 1 month „ 2 „	50	4	54
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	28	1	29
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	8	—	8
„ 6 „ „ 1 year -	7	—	7
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	1	—	1
Penal servitude of every duration -	3	—	3

* On remand.

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treadwheel	12	—	12	—	—	—
Pumping water	2	—	2	—	—	—
Picking oakum	19	—	19	17 13 2¼	—	17 13 2¼
Mat making	1	—	1	4 10 10½	—	4 10 10½
Shoemaker, tailor, bricklayer, and whitewasher	2	—	2	—	24 7 6	24 7 6
Cooking, washing, and general cleaning of the prison	6	—	6	—	92 2 3	92 2 3
Total number employed at profitable labour	28	—	42	22 4 1	116 9 9	138 13 10

The prison affords accommodation for 54 male prisoners, in cells which have not been certified. (Females are sent to the House of Correction at Spilsby.) The warming and ventilation are insufficient; and there are no punishment cells, the ordinary sleeping cells being used for that purpose.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and retire to bed at 8 p.m. throughout the year; they are employed 8½ hours daily; those sentenced to hard labour work on the treadwheel, on which 18 prisoners can work at one time; there are also two hard labour machines in the prison; the other employments are mat making, picking oakum, pumping water, tailoring, and shoemaking. An officer is present with the prisoners when they are associated, but the supervision is not sufficient to prevent communication, more especially as the treadwheel is not divided with a separate compartment for each prisoner at work. Prisoners are selected by the governor for employment in the services of the prison.

The power of the treadmill is not applied to any useful purpose.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.	Meat.	Gruel.	Potatoes.	Soup.	Treacle in Gruel.	Cheese.	Suet Pudding.	Indian Meal Pudding.
	M.	M.	M.	M.	M.	M.	M.	M.	M.
	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	lbs. ozs.
1st	8 0	—	—	1 8	—	—	—	—	1 2
2nd	8 0	—	14	2 4	—	—	2	—	1 8
3rd	9 0	6	14	3 12	2½	—	3	8	—
4th	9 14	8	14	4 8	3	1	4	12	—
5th	5 10	8	14	6 0	3	2	4	12	—

Twenty prisoners received extra diet by order of the surgeon for the aggregate number of 775 days, and 18 were placed on a higher class of diet. The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 1*s.* 7¼*d.* per head.

The usual weekly and daily services are performed by the chaplain. The sick and prisoners under punishment are seen daily, the other prisoners are visited occasionally. The chaplain says: "whenever a prisoner states that he is not a "member of the Church of England, I have always *offered* "to procure for him the services of a minister of his own "persuasion, this generally is declined."

The surgeon attends regularly, and sees all sick prisoners daily; he also makes a quarterly inspection as required by the rules. He states: "the provisions are good, and the "dietary sufficient, except in the 1st class. The clothing "and bedding are sufficient, drainage good, but few of the "cells are efficiently warmed or ventilated, and no "provision is made for warming the oakum room, or the "itch cells.

Two prisoners were removed to a lunatic asylum; one had been nearly three, the other four months in the prison before they were observed to be insane.

No alteration has been made in the prison since the last inspection, but a committee of magistrates has been appointed for the purpose of considering "whether the outlay contem- "plated in the enlargement of the prisons might not be "materially diminished, and to consider the present prison "system for this division of the county with a view to its "consolidation."

SPALDING COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	301	85	386
Average daily number in custody	48	10	58
Re-ccmmittals - - -	109	19	128
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	55	—	55
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time -	—	19	19

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	1,609	16	8
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	26	14	0

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	79	1	19	1	100
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	50	4	29	2	85
„ 14 days „ 1 month	43	8	11	2	64
„ 1 month „ 2 „	43	5	10	1	59
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	18	—	4	—	22
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	23	—	4	1	28
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	16	—	1	—	17
„ 1 year „ 2 „	7	—	—	—	7
„ 2 years	3	—	—	—	3
Penal servitude of every duration	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treadmill	12	—	12	22 6 9	—	22 6 9
Oakum picking	22	1	23	17 18 10	—	17 18 10
Tailoring and shoemaking	1	—	1	8 0 4	8 17 9	16 13 1
Mat and brush making	2	—	2	8 10 2	—	8 10 2
Carpenters' and smiths' work	1	—	1	—	30 0 0	30 0 0
Sewing and knitting	—	2	2	0 7 9	10 14 5	11 2 2
Washing and ironing	—	2	2	—	37 14 0	37 14 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	38	5	43	57 3 10	87 6 2	144 10 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (not certified)	70	15	85
Punishment cells (not certified)	1	1	2

All the cells are now warmed, lighted with gas, and furnished with the means of enabling the prisoners confined therein to communicate with an officer of the prison.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. in summer and 7 o'clock in winter, and are employed, eight hours in summer and six in winter, on the treadwheel, beating and picking oakum, making mats and coir brushes, and in the general work of the prison. Thirty-four prisoners can work on the treadwheel at one time, in separate compartments, the power is applied to grinding corn. Prisoners of the 1st class, who are exempted from labour on the wheel are selected for employment in the prison services.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS	Bread.				Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.				Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.	
	M.		F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.		F.		M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints	pints	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.	pints	pints	ozs.	ozs.
1st -	7	0	7	0	—	—	2	2	—		—		—	—	5½	5½
2nd -	10	8	7	14	3	3	2	2	0	3	0	3	1	1	5½	5½
3rd -	8	12	7	14	6	6	2	2	4	6	4	6	2	2	5½	5½
4th -	10	8	7	14	12	12	2	2	2	0	2	9	3	3	5½	5½
5th -	11	6	7	14	16	12	2	2	4	1	4	1	3	3	5½	5½

The provisions are of good quality, supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of the food is 2*s.* 7½*d.* per head.

Eleven prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 361 days.

The usual weekly and daily services and other duties are performed by the chaplain, one of the warders acts as schoolmaster, he is engaged two hours daily giving instruction to the prisoners. Every facility is afforded to prisoners of a religious denomination differing from the Established Church to see a minister of their own persuasion.

The surgeon examines the prisoners twice a week. He states: "the general state of health of the prisoners has been "good; the diet is good and sufficient; the clothing, "bedding, ventilation, and drainage are satisfactory." Two prisoners have died, and one has been pardoned on medical grounds.

The number of punishments for prison offences has been, males, 64; females, 9.

Since the last inspection the treadwheel has been enlarged and divided into separate compartments. Work rooms

have been erected and prisoners are employed under supervision.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 708*l.* 14*s.*

SPILSBY COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	142	90	232
Average daily number in custody	23	13	36
Re-committals - - -	57	32	89
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	34	—	34
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	24	24

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	1,246	9	4
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - - -	26	7	9

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	19	—	26	1	46
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	—	—	—	—	—
„ 14 days „ 1 month - - -	36	2	23	1	62
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	22	1	10	3	36
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	11	—	7	—	18
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	14	1	7	—	22
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	11	—	5	1	17
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „ - - -	12	—	1	—	13
Unlimited periods (Soldier, and Want of sureties)	5	—	—	—	5
Remanded and discharged, &c. - - - -	7	—	4	—	11
Remaining for trial - - - - -	1	—	1	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	TOTAL.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Tailoring, shoemaking, cooking, bookbinding, painting, carpentering, bricklaying, and whitewashing, &c. -	2	—	2	0 15 4	64 18 8	65 14 0
Mat making - - -	1	—	1	14 12 1½	—	14 12 1½
Picking oakum - - -	2	—	2	0 13 6	—	0 13 6
Laundry work - - -	—	2	2	—	17 14 6	17 14 6
Knitting and needlework -	—	7	7	—	31 2 0	31 2 0
Labour not estimated:—Cleaning, pumping, chopping wood, &c. - - - - -	5	2	7	—	—	—
Total number employed at profitable labour - -	10	11	21	16 0 11½	113 15 2	129 16 1½
Unprofitable labour:—Treadwheel - - - - - -	8	—	8	—	—	—
Unemployed:—Sick, under punishment, &c. - - -	1	—	1	—	—	—
Total - - -	19	11	30	—	—	—

The prison affords accommodation for 42 males and 21 females; there are also three cells used as punishment cells, but none of the cells have been certified. The warming and ventilation are insufficient.

The prisoners rise at a quarter before 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m. Those employed on the treadmill are at the wheel nine hours, but only work six hours daily; they are not in separate compartments, and the supervision is very defective. (The warder in charge being placed at a window at one end of the enclosure, from which he is supposed to overlook all the prisoners, both at the wheel and in the work room.) The power is not applied to any useful purpose. The other employments provided are, for males—mat making, picking oakum, pumping water, tailoring, and shoemaking; females—laundry work, picking oakum, knitting, needlework, and cleaning. Prisoners are selected by the governor for employment in the services of the prison, subject to the approval of the Visiting Justices.

An officer is present with the prisoners when they are associated, but the supervision is not sufficient to prevent communication.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs.ozs.	lbs.ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	1¼	1¼	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd - -	8 10	7 10	6	4	1¼	1¼	3 12	3 6	2½	2½
4th - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	1¼	1¼	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th - -	10 0	8 2	8	6	1¼	1¼	6 0	4 8	3	3

	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.
1st - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - -	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - -	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - -	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - -	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

Seven prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 263 days.

Most of the provisions and stores are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of the food was 2*s.* 0½*d.* per head.

The usual weekly and daily services are performed by the chaplain; he also sees every prisoner in private on admission and discharge, and at least once a month. The sick and prisoners under punishment are visited daily.

The warders who act as schoolmaster and schoolmistress give 1½ hours on 5 days of the week to this duty, they are well qualified and discharge their duties in a satisfactory manner. Prisoners who do not belong to the Church of England are informed that they may see a minister of their own persuasion if they desire it.

The surgeon attends twice a week, and visits the sick daily. He states: "The general condition of the prisoners

" has been healthy; the prison has not been visited by any " epidemic."

There has been no alteration in the building since the last inspection, but the question of the enlargement of the three prisons in this division of the county is under the consideration of a committee of magistrates.

STAMFORD BOROUGH GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

Criminal Prisoners.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year -	30	9	39
Average daily number in custody	4	1	5
Re-committals - - -	11	1	12
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	7	—	7
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	2	2

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	312	10	11
Average annual cost per prisoner -	62	10	2

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - - - -	1	2	2	—	5
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	5	—	1	—	6
„ 14 days „ 1 month - - -	3	1	1	—	5
„ 2 months „ 3 „ - - -	2	—	—	—	2
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - - -	—	—	1	—	1
„ 1 year „ 2 „ - - - -	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.
MALES—Treadwheel - - - - - - -	3	—	3
FEMALES—Sewing, knitting, making, mending, and washing the prison clothes - - - -	—	1	1

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells - - -	12	4	16
Punishment cells (not certified) -	1	1	2
Reception cells - - -	1	1	2

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. in summer and 7 in winter, and go to bed at 8 p.m.; they are employed 8½ hours in summer and 7 in winter. Those sentenced to hard labour work on the treadwheel, on which four prisoners can work at one time, each occupying a separate compartment, under the constant supervision of an officer. Although they are 8½ hours at the wheel in the summer months they are actually at work less than six hours, as they work 40 minutes and rest 20 minutes in each hour. No other employment is provided except the prison services in which all are occasionally employed. When not at labour on the wheel the prisoners are in separate confinement.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	1¼	1¼	—	—	—	—	4½	4½	—	—
2nd -	10 8	7 14	—	—	1¼	1¼	—	—	1	1	4½	4½	—	—
3rd -	8 12	7 14	6	6	1¼	1¼	4	2	2	2	4½	4½	—	—
4th -	10 8	7 14	12	12	1¼	1¼	2	2	3	3	4½	4½	—	—
5th -	9 10	7 14	16	12	1¼	1¼	7	3½	3	3	4½	4½	3	3

Three prisoners received extra diet for 18 days.

The provisions and stores are purchased by the governor as they are required, and the accounts examined weekly by the Visiting Justices. Average weekly cost of the food, 3*s.* 1½*d.* per head.

The surgeon visits the prison twice a week, and oftener when necessary. He states: "The health of the prisoners "is always good. The provisions are of good quality; the "dietary sufficient, and not more than sufficient, to maintain "the health and strength of the prisoners. The warming, "ventilation, and drainage are satisfactory. No prisoner has "died or been removed on medical grounds during the year."

The chaplain performs Divine Service on Sunday, and reads prayers in the chapel twice a week. There is no

schoolmaster. The supply of books is sufficient. Prisoners who do not belong to the Established Church are visited by a minister of their own persuasion when they desire it.

The salaries of the officers of the prison amount to 197*l.*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	391	60	451	5	43
Average daily number in custody	70	7	77	3	
Re-committals	171	19	190	—	
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	98	—	98	—	
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	14	14	—	
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	8	

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	3,477	17	1
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	41	9	6

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentence.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	40	5	8	1	54
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	50	7	13	1	71
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	100	6	16	—	122
„ 1 month „ 2 „	91	1	10	1	103
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	41	1	4	—	46
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	27	2	4	—	33
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	12	—	1	—	13
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	2	—	—	—	2
Penal servitude of every duration	6	—	1	—	7

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mat making	20	—	20			
Tailors	2	—	2			
Shoemakers	1	—	1			
Treadwheel	20	—	20			
Hands mills and picking oakum	21	—	21	158 19 1	156 0 0	314 19 1
Service of the prison	6	—	6			
Washing, &c.	—	7	7			
Total number employed at profitable labour	23	7	30	158 19 1	156 0 0	314 19 1

The prison contains 136 cells for males and 17 for females, all certified; there are also 14 ordinary cells for males, and 8 for females, not certified; 3 punishment cells, 3 reception cells, and 3 day-rooms, and 5 sleeping-rooms for debtors.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m., and are employed 8 hours daily. 1st class hard labour consists of work on the treadwheel and hard labour machine and matting weaving. Labour of the 2nd class,—picking oakum, mat making by hand, tailoring, shoemaking, &c.

Prisoners are selected by the governor, and approved by the Visiting Justices, for employment in the service of the prison.

Guard beds are not in use.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 3*s.* 8¼*d.* per head.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.
1st	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	5½	5½
2nd	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1	5½	5½
3rd	8 12	7 14	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2	5½	5½
4th	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3	5½	5½
5th	9 10	7 14	16	12	11 Cocoa 3	11 Cocoa 3	7 0	3 8	3	3	5½	5½

Fourteen prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 161 days.

The surgeon attends daily. He states: "The general "health of the prisoners has been very good. I consider "the dietary well arranged, sufficient, and not in excess. "The clothing and bedding are sufficient, and the warming, "ventilation, and drainage are in all respects satisfactory." One prisoner was pardoned on medical grounds.

The chaplain performs two services on Sunday, and reads prayers daily; superintends the school; sees all prisoners on admission and discharge, the sick, and those under punishment daily, and visits the prisoners in their cells. The schoolmaster and mistress are qualified for the duties they have to perform; there is a sufficient supply of books for the use of the prisoners. A Roman Catholic minister visits prisoners of that denomination.

There has been no alteration in the prison since the last report.

The united salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 1,221*l.* 13*s.*

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	248	67	315
Average daily number in custody	77	12	89
Re-committals - - -	45	23	68
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	82	—	82
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time -	—	14	14

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	2,485	7	4
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	24	4	4

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	52	10	12	—	74
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	17	6	7	—	30
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	42	6	15	3	66
„ 1 month „ 2 „	26	6	12	1	45
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	26	—	6	—	32
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	14	—	2	1	17
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	6	—	1	—	7
„ 1 year „ 2 „	4	—	2	—	6
Penal servitude of every duration	5	—	1	—	6

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Average daily Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	TOTAL.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Matting weaving	8	—	8			
Making mats by loom	11	—	11			
Crank labour	5	—	5			
Mat-making by hand	31	—	31			
Shoemaking and tailoring	6	—	6	210 0 0	120 0 0	330 0 0
Other labour	10	—	10			
Service of the prison	6	—	6			
Washing, laundry work, repairing clothes, &c.	—	12	12			
Total number employed at profitable labour	77	12	89	210 0 0	120 0 0	330 0 0

The prison affords accommodation for 90 male and 14 female prisoners, with 4 punishment cells, all certified. There are also 6 reception cells, separate yards for exercising 26 prisoners, with 2 sleeping cells and 2 day rooms for debtors. The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m., and are employed 8 hours daily. The labour of the 1st class comprises the crank, matting weaving, and making mats by loom. Labour of the 2nd class,—shoemaking, tailoring, brushmaking, picking oakum, and

mat making by hand; laundry work, making and repairing clothes, &c. Prisoners are selected by the Visiting Justices for employment in the service of the prison. The prisoners are generally in separate confinement; when associated, they are under the supervision of an officer.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Fabour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—
2nd -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—
3rd -	9 10	7 14	6	6	14	14	2 8	2 8
4th -	10 8	7 14	9	9	14	14	1 8	1 8
5th -	9 12	9 10	12	9	11	11	6 0	3 0

	Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	*pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd -	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
3rd -	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
4th -	3	3	—	—	2½	2½	—	—
5th -	3	3	5½	5½	3	2½	3	3

Seven prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 340 days.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 3*s.* 4*d.* per head.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services, visits the prisoners in their cells, and superintends the schools. The schoolmaster is engaged 25 hours in the week giving instruction to the prisoners both in their cells and in class, he is well qualified for the duties of his office. The prison is well supplied with books. Roman Catholic prisoners are visited by a minister of their own denomination, other prisoners, with very few exceptions, attend the services of the Church of England.

The surgeon attends at the prison twice a week. He states: "the general health of the prisoners has been good; the provisions are of good quality, and sufficient; the warming, ventilation, and drainage are satisfactory. One prisoner has died, and one was removed to a lunatic asylum a few days after her admission to the prison."

Thirty male prisoners are received in this prison, under contract, from the Middlesex House of Correction.

The united salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 673*l.*

PETERBOROUGH GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Courts.
Prisoners committed in the year	136	38	174	2	3
Average daily number in custody	22	5	27	—	—
Re-committals	15	8	23	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	30	—	30	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	7	7	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	1	

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	706	8	10
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	22	19	11

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentence.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	6	—	3	—	9
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	13	2	5	—	20
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	23	—	4	2	29
„ 1 month „ 2 „	9	—	4	—	13
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	15	—	2	1	18
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	13	—	3	—	16
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year.

Description of Employment.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.		
Mat and sack making	22	5	27	£ s. d. 85 10 4	£ s. d. 85 10 4
Total number employed at profitable labour	83	18	101	85 10 4	85 10 4

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For Criminals.			
Ordinary cells	27	10	37
Punishment cell	1	—	1
For Debtors.			
Sleeping cells	1	1	2
Day rooms	1	—	1

The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated; and furnished with the means of enabling the prisoners confined therein to communicate with an officer of the prison.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m.; they are all in separate confinement, and are employed 10 hours daily on the crank (of which there are 5 in the prison), and making mats and sacks.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints	pints	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints	pints
1st	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
2nd	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1
3rd	8 12	7 14	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2
4th	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3
5th	9 10	7 14	16	16	14	14	7 0	3 8	3	3

The provisions are of good quality and sufficient; they are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of the diet is 2*s.* 2¼*d.* Six prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 106 days.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday, and reads prayers on Friday. He visits the prisoners once a week.

The surgeon attends twice a week. He states: "the health "of the prisoners is generally good; there has been no "epidemic. The dietary is good, and sufficient to maintain "the health of the prisoners at hard labour; the clothing "is sufficient; the warming, ventilation, and drainage satis-"factory." The number of punishments for prison offences has been, males, 47; females, 6.

There has been no alteration in the buildings.

Mr. Higgins, late governor of this gaol, having been appointed to the gaol at Falkingham, has been succeeded by Mr. Preston.

The salaries of the officers amount to 264*l.* 5*s.*

NORTHUMBERLAND.

ALNWICK COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	37	6	43
Average daily number in custody	—	—	1
Re-committals	2	2	4
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	5	—	5
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	1	1

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	128	2	3
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	1	2	6

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCES.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	13	8	3	—	24
Above 7, and not exceeding 14 days	14	2	3	—	19

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
Beating sandstone, white-washing cells and yards, and repairing prisoners' clothing - - -	—	—	1	£ s. d. 4 17 6	£ s. d. 5 0 0	£ s. d. 9 17 6

The prison affords accommodation for 5 male and 3 female criminals, and is limited to sentences not exceeding 14 days, there are also 2 reception cells, but no cells for punishment.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. in summer and 7 in winter, and go to bed at 8 p.m., they are employed about 10 hours "beating sandstone," the task being 3 cwt. daily; when associated they are not under constant supervision, but the keeper (who is the only male officer) states that he is "generally present."

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to all Prisoners.

Bread.		Meat.		Porridge.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle for Porridge.		Suet Pudding.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
lbs. 4¼	lbs. 2¼	ozs. 3	ozs. 3	pnts. 7	pnts. 7	lbs. ozs. 3 6	lbs. ozs. 3 6	pints. 1	pints. 1	ozs. 22	ozs. 22	ozs. 16	ozs. 16

The provisions are purchased by the keeper as they are required. The average weekly cost of the food is 2*s.* 6*d.* per head.

The surgeon attends when he is sent for. He states: "The general condition of the prison has been healthy; "the provisons are of good quality, and sufficient; the "drainage and ventilation satisfactory."

There is no chaplain.

The prison is warmed by a stove in the corridor, but it is insufficient for the purpose.

There is a small mill for grinding corn which has not been used for many years.

The salaries of the officers of the prison, exclusive of the surgeon, who is paid 1*s.* for each prisoner committed to the prison, amount to 70*l.*

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BOROUGH GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors. Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	61	25	86	2	1
Average daily number in custody	5¼	1¾	7	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	28	15	43	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	10	—	10	—	
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	5	5	—	
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - -	—	—	—	1	

	£	s.	d.
The total ordinary expenditure for the prison - - - - -	343	14	10
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	46	12	4

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - - -	25	—	9	—	34
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	7	—	3	—	10
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - -	6	1	6	—	13
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	1	2	2	—	5
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	4	—	3	—	7
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - -	4	—	1	—	5
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - - -	1	—	—	—	1
Penal servitude of every duration - - -	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Picking oakum	2	—	2	4 18 8	—	4 18 8
Picking hair	1	—	1	11 1 0	—	11 1 0
Mat making	1	—	1	1 14 0	—	1 14 0
Repairing and washing clothes	—	1	1	—	2 10 0	2 10 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	4	1	5	17 13 8	2 10 0	20 3 8

The prison affords accommodation for 13 male and 4 female criminals, and 1 sleeping room and 1 day room for debtors, all certified; there are also 2 reception cells, but no punishment cells.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. in summer and 7 in winter, and go to bed at 9 p.m. They are all in separate confinement, and are employed 10 hours daily. The hard labour machine is the only 1st class labour; hard labour of the 2nd class comprises picking hair and oakum, mat making, repairing and washing clothes. Prisoners are selected by the governor for employment in the services of the prison.

The guard bed is not in use.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pts.	pts.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pts.	pts.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.
1st	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	4½	4½	—	—
2nd	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1	4½	4½	—	—
3rd	8 12	7 14	6	6	14	14	4 0	4 0	2	2	4½	4½	—	—
4th	10 8	7 14	12	12	14	14	2 0	2 0	3	3	4½	4½	—	—
5th	9 10	7 14	10	12	11	11	7 0	3 8	3	3	4½	4½	2¼	2¼

Four prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 180 days. The provisions are purchased by the governor. Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s.* 4½*d.* per head.

The surgeon attends, and sees all the prisoners twice a week; the general health of the prisoners has been good. The dietary, clothing, and bedding are sufficient, and the warming, ventilation, and drainage satisfactory.

The chaplain performs one full service on Sunday, and reads prayers daily, with the addition of a lecture on Wednesday; he also visits each prisoner twice a week. There is no schoolmaster.

Prisoners sentenced to hard labour work on the crank or hard labour machine for the first three months, being required to perform 14,400 revolutions daily.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 232*l.*

HEXHAM COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year -	107	17	124
Average daily number in custody -	3	1	4
Re-committals - - -	44	8	52
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	10	—	10
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - - -	—	1	1

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison - - - -	183	15	11
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - -	33	19	0

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentence.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	23	—	7	1	31
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	18	—	1	—	19
„ 14 days, and not exceeding 1 month -	17	—	2	1	20

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Picking oakum - - -	3	1	4	2 0 0	10 0 0	12 0 0

The prison affords accommodation for 7 male and 2 female criminals, with 2 reception cells, which are also used for police purposes. Four of the cells only are warmed and provided with artificial light, and 2 with the means of communicating with an officer.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. in summer and 7 a.m. in winter, and go to bed at 7 p.m.; they are employed about 10 hours daily picking oakum by task work and in the service of the prison. When associated, the prisoners are not under supervision.

The provisions are purchased day by day at the market price.

The surgeon attends when required. He states: "the general "health has been good, the provisions are of good quality "and sufficient; since the last report the prison has been "thoroughly drained."

There is no chaplain.

Prisoners have been detained in this prison for a month; but the cells are small and dark; and the period for which prisoners may be confined here should be limited to 14 days, as at Tynemouth and Alnwick in the same county.

The salaries of the officers of the prison, including a pension of 20*l.* to the late governor, amount to 80*l.*, with an allowance to the surgeon of 1*s.* per head for each convicted prisoner.

MORPETH COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	390	178	568	15	20
Average daily number in custody	68	20	88	1	1
Re-committals	116	69	185	1	2
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	89	—	89	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	30	30	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	7	

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	2,147	15	2
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	23	8	$2\frac{42}{367}$

Table showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentence.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	8	—	5	—	13
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	17	—	5	1	23
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	29	3	7	—	39
„ 1 month „ 2 „	147	2	123	—	272
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	51	—	16	—	67
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	39	—	5	—	44
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	31	—	5	—	36
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	15	—	1	—	16
„ 2 „	3	—	—	—	3
Penal servitude of every duration	8	—	1	—	9

Table showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those Employed.

Description of Employment.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treadwheel labour, weaving matting and mats, making ships' fenders, and seamen's beds, picking oakum, washing, making prison clothing, &c.	56	17	73	367 9 10	427 5 11	794 15 9

The prison affords accommodation for 91 male and 23 female criminals, and 5 male and 1 female debtors; there are also 1 reception and 3 punishment cells, but the latter were not ready to be certified at the time I visited the prison; all the cells are lighted, warmed, and ventilated.

The prisoners rise at ¼ before 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8.30 p.m.; they are employed 8½ hours daily; and those who do not attend school are employed from 7 to 8.30 p.m.

There is a small treadwheel used for pumping water for the use of the prison, which, with heavy weaving, breaking stones, and oakum beating, comprise the 1st class labour; the 2nd class labour consists of picking oakum, making ships' fenders, and preparing yarn for the weavers. Prisoners are selected by the Visiting Justices for the ordinary services of the prison.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel Porridge.		Potatoes.	
	F.	M.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.
1st	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—
2nd	5 4	2 10	—	—	14	14	3 8	3 8
3rd	3 0	2 4	9	9	14	14	3 8	3 8
4th	3 0	2 4	9	9	14	14	1 8	1 8
5th	2 4	2 4	12	9	14	14	6 0	3 0

	Soup.		Treacle on Pudding.		Suet Pudding.		Milk.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st	—	—	—	—	—	—	3½	3½
2nd	1	1	—	—	—	—	3½	3½
3rd	1	1	1	1	16	16	3½	3½
4th	3	3	1	1	16	16	3½	3½
5th	3	3	1	1	16	16	3½	3½

Fifteen prisoners received extra diet by order of the surgeon for the aggregate number of 936 days.

The provisions are supplied by contract. The average weekly cost of the food was 2*s.* 2¼*d.* per head.

The surgeon attends daily, and examines all the prisoners weekly. He states: "the health of the prisoners has been "good; no epidemic has prevailed; the diet in my opinion "is of good quality and sufficient, and not more than "sufficient for maintaining the prisoners in health and "strength; the clothing and bedding are sufficient; the "warming, ventilation, and drainage satisfactory." Two prisoners, one a debtor the other summarily convicted, were removed to a lunatic asylum.

There has been no change in the duties performed by the chaplain.

Prisoners are employed in association in a general work room. An officer is always present, but the supervision is not sufficient to prevent communication. Seven prisoners only can work on the treadwheel at one time; they are not in separate compartments, but are under supervision.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison, including a pension to two retired officers, amount to 1,262*l.* 4*s.*

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE BOROUGH GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	1,037	514	1,551	19	48
Average daily number in custody	136	49	185	2	
Re-committals	412	315	727	—	
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	173	—	173	—	
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	65	65	—	
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	6	

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	3,354	19	1
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	17	18	9¾

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCES.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	165	17	195	—	377
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	42	6	16	—	64
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	140	12	64	9	225
„ 1 month „ 2 „	150	1	59	1	211
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	109	2	36	—	147
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	104	—	41	1	146
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	98	—	34	—	132
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	30	—	2	—	32
„ 2 years	3	—	—	—	3
Penal servitude of every duration	10	—	2	—	12

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Picking oakum	56	21	77	197 3 0	—	197 3 0
Making mats, matting, ship fenders and other articles from coir	26	—	26	267 18 7	—	267 18 7
Sundry trades, viz., tailors, shoemakers, joiners, smiths, sewing, knitting, &c.	11	12	23	313 8 0	—	313 8 0
Employed in the service of the prison, cooking, washing, cleaning, whitewashing, and labouring	20	9	29	—	313 6 9	313 6 9
Unemployed, viz., debtors, sick, and untried	26	6	32	—	—	—
Total number employed at profitable labour	93	33	126	778 9 7	313 6 9	1,091 16 4

Accommodation of prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For Criminals.			
Certified cells - -	147	71	218
Cells (not certified) - -	9	11	20
Punishment cells (certified) -	4	2	6
„ „ (not certified) -	1	1	2
Reception cells - -	4	1	5
For Debtors.			
Sleeping cells - -	10	6	16
Day rooms - - -	1	—	1

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 7 p.m., and are employed 10 hours daily. There is at present only one hard labour machine in the prison, it is proposed to introduce stone breaking, which, with heavy mat and matting weaving, comprise the 1st class hard labour; the 2nd class labour consists of weaving, making ships' fenders, carpenters' and smiths' work, shoemaking, tailoring, picking oakum and cocoa fibre, washing, &c. Prisoners committed for want of sureties, and misdemeanants for non-payment of penalties are selected by the governor for employment in the prison services.

An officer is present with the prisoners when they are associated.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	3	3
2nd -	10 8	8 12	—	—	14	14	—	—	1	1	3	3
3rd -	10 8	7 14	—	—	14	14	4 0	4 0	3	3	3	3
4th -	10 0	5 4	12	12	14	14	4 0	4 0	3	3	3	3
5th -	10 8	10 8	16	12	14	14	5 8	4 0	3	3	3	3

One hundred and sixteen prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 8,377 days.

The provisions and fuel are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 1*s.* 9½*d.* per head.

The surgeon attends daily, and sees all the prisoners twice a week. He states: "The general health of the prisoners "has been satisfactory. The provisions are of good

" quality, and the dietary, generally, is sufficient to main-
" tain the health and strength of the prisoners undergoing
" hard labour. The warming and drainage are efficient,
" and the ventilation in the male wing is considerably im-
" proved." Three prisoners were pardoned on medical grounds; they were all in bad health when admitted, and were only for a few days inmates of the prison.

The chaplain performs two full services on Sundays, reads daily prayers, superintends the schools, and performs all the other duties required by the rules. The schoolmaster and schoolmistress continue to discharge their respective duties satisfactorily.

Roman Catholic prisoners are visited by a minister of their own denomination.

The ventilation is defective in the 76 small cells in C. ward, which were certified in 1861 for periods not exceeding one month. These cells each contain only 408 cubic feet; it is therefore necessary that the ventilation should be perfected.

Since the last report separate compartments have been constructed for prisoners employed breaking stones. A disinfecting closet and an additional punishment cell have been added to the females' ward.

The united salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 1,821*l.* 4*s.*

TYNEMOUTH COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year -	310	256	566
Average daily number in custody -	9	6	15
Re-committals - - -	62	141	203
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	17	—	17
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	11	11

	£.	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	297	7	9
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - -	5	5	11

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCES.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	211	12	190	—	413
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - -	69	4	66	—	139
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - -	14	—	—	—	14

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mat and cork fender making	3	—	3	11 13 1	—	11 13 1
Oakum picking - -	3	2	5	15 13 6	—	15 13 6
Making shirts, knitting stockings, washing, and cleaning - -	—	2	2	—	20 5 10	20 5 10
Total number employed at profitable labour -	6	4	10	27 6 7	20 5 10	47 12 5

The prison affords accommodation for 10 male and 9 female criminals; there is one reception cell, but no cell for punishment. The prison is limited to the confinement of prisoners sentenced for periods not exceeding 14 days, except in the case of prisoners committed for breach of the Navigation Laws, who are kept here one month. The cells are all warmed and lighted with gas.

The prisoners rise at 6 in summer and 6.30 in winter, and go to bed at 8 p.m. They are employed 10 hours daily; the males making mats and ships' fenders, and picking oakum; females making shirts, knitting stockings, picking oakum, and cleaning. Prisoners are selected for prison services by the governor and matron.

When associated the prisoners are under no supervision.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Porridge.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Milk.		Suet Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.	gills.	gills.	ozs.	ozs.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	14	14	—	—
2nd -	5 4	2 10	—	—	14	14	3 8	3 8	1	1	14	14	—	—
3rd -	3 0	2 4	9	9	14	14	3 8	3 8	1	1	14	14	16	16
4th -	3 0	2 4	9	9	14	14	1 8	1 8	3	3	14	14	16	16
5th -	2 4	2 4	12	12	14	14	6 0	8 0	3	3	14	14	16	16

No extra diet has been issued to the prisoners.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s.* 4*d.* per head.

The surgeon attends three times a week. He states: "The general condition of the prisoners has been healthy. "The provisions are of good quality, and not more than "sufficient to maintain the health and strength of the "prisoners. The clothing and bedding are sufficient. The "warming and drainage satisfactory." No prisoner has died or been removed on medical grounds.

There is no chaplain.

No alteration has been made in the buildings or in the discipline of the prison since the last report.

The salaries of the officers (governor and matron) amount to 90*l.*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

NOTTINGHAM COUNTY GAOL.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	266	49	315	17	107
Average daily number in custody -	19	5	24	5	
Re-committals - -	100	10	110	—	
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	46	—	46	—	
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	12	12	—	
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - -	—	—	—	13	

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	1,187	17	11
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	38	12	3

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	17	17	3	1	38
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	18	10	2	5	35
„ 14 days „ 1 month	41	17	11	1	70
„ 1 month „ 2 „	14	2	4	2	22
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	2	—	—	—	2
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	2	—	—	—	2
„ 1 year „ 2 years	—	—	1	—	1
Penal servitude of every duration	10	—	—	—	10

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Oakum picking	6	—	6	17 10 0	—	17 10 0
Shoemaking, tailoring, whitewashing, painting, cleaning, cooking	9	—	9	—	140 8 0	140 8 0
Washing, sewing, cleaning, &c.	—	5	5	—	39 0 0	39 0 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	15	5	20	17 10 0	179 8 0	196 18 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Certified cells	22	8	30
Ordinary cells (not certified)	9	—	9
Punishment cells (not certified)	1	—	1
Reception cells	1	—	1

For Debtors.

Sleeping cells	3	1	4
Day rooms	2	1	3

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m. they are employed 8½ hours daily. There is no hard labou of the 1st class; the prisoners are employed picking oakum framework knitting, tailoring, shoemaking, needlework, and in the laundry.

Prisoners for trial and those not sentenced to hard labour are selected by the governor for employment in the services of the prison; they are generally in separate confinement; when in association they are visited frequently by the officers of the prison.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st	8 0	6 10	—	—	7	7	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd	9 0	8 0	6	4	14	14	3 12	2 10	2½	2½
4th	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th	10 0	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8	3	3

	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pdding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.
1st	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd	—	—	3	3	1 8	1 2	—	—
4th	1	1	4	3	3 4	1 8	—	—
5th	2	2	4	3	3 4	1 8	—	—

No extra diet has been issued to any prisoner.

The provisions are purchased as they are required; there is no contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 1*s.* 8¾*d.* per head.

The surgeon visits the prison daily; the general health of the prisoners has been good. No prisoner has died, but one was removed to the asylum at Broadmoor, having been acquitted on the ground of insanity.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services, and visits the prisoners in their cells. The school-

master attends for two hours on five days of the week, and discharges his duties satisfactorily. There is a sufficient supply of books.

Prisoners of a religious denomination differing from the Established Church are visited by a minister of their own persuasion when they desire it.

With reference to the absence of any hard labour of the 1st class, the governor states: "of the prisoners sentenced "to hard labour the great bulk are either juveniles or fe- "males, or are of such an age as to be incapacitated for hard "labour. Of the remainder, most are sentenced to periods "not exceeding 14 days, and are kept in separate confine- "ment at 2d class labour.

"Prisoners sentenced to penal servitude are kept in "separate confinement at 2nd class labour until removed "to a convict prison."

Prisoners convicted at the assizes or sessions are sent to the County House of Correction at Southwell.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 652*l.* 4*s.*

NOTTINGHAM BOROUGH GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	415	116	531	20	35
Average daily number in custody, including 40 males under contract - - - - - -	115	20	135	—	—
Re-committals - - - - -	135	36	171	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time, including 40 under contract from Cold Bath Fields - - - -	137	—	137	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	38	38	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - -	—	—	—	7	

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	2,790	18	2
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - - -	20	13	2

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	78	24	18	1	121
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	35	7	12	1	55
„ 14 days „ 1 month	76	8	25	2	111
„ 1 month „ 2 „	60	1	14	—	75
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	63	3	14	3	83
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	35	—	5	1	41
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	12	—	2	—	14
„ 1 year „ 2 „	3	—	1	—	4
Penal servitude of every duration	18	—	1	—	19

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Years, and the Earnings of those Engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mat making and oakum picking	81	—	81	48 13 7	—	48 13 7
Stone breaking	20	—	20	17 10 0	—	17 10 0
Shoemaking	4	—	4	—	50 0 0	50 0 0
Tailoring	3	—	3	—	30 0 0	30 0 0
Cooks, cleaners, and whitewashers	7	—	7	—	60 0 0	60 0 0
Washing and needlework	—	20	20	—	107 5 0	107 5 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	115	20	135	66 3 7	247 5 0	313 8 7

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Certified cells	122	—	122
Ordinary cells (not certified)	33	26	59
Punishment cells (certified)	2	—	2
„ „ (not certified)	—	2	2

For Debtors.

Sleeping cells	4	2	6
Day rooms	2	1	3

The prisoners rise at 5.30 a.m. and go to bed at 8 15 p.m.; they are employed 10 hours daily, breaking stones, mat making, shoemaking, tailoring, picking oakum, and in the laundry. A shed with separate compartments has been erected for prisoners employed breaking stones, but they are not tasked at their work. Prisoners are selected by the governor and Visiting Justices for employment in the prison services. All convicted prisoners sleep on a guard-bed for the first three months of their imprisonment. The male prisoners are for the most part in separate confinement; when associated an officer is always present. The supervision in the females' prison is very insufficient.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	8 0	5 11	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd - -	8 0	5 11	—	—	7	7	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd - -	9 0	7 10	6	6	14	14	3 12	2 10	2½	2½
4th - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	14	14	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th - -	9 14	8 2	8	6	14	14	6 0	4 8	3	3

	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.
1st - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - -	—	—	1	1	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - -	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - -	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - -	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

Forty-five prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 4,380 days.

This extra diet has been issued principally to prisoners sentenced to long periods of imprisonment, who on the progressive diet become "weak" and "lose flesh." A prisoner (a German) committed suicide. The jury found a verdict of "felo de se." One prisoner was pardoned on medical grounds; and one was removed to a lunatic asylum: he was weak, both bodily and mentally, when admitted.

The surgeon visits the prison daily; the general health of the prisoners has been good; the provisions are of good

quality; and the general condition of the males' prison is satisfactory.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services, and visits every prisoner at least once a week. One of the warders acts as schoolmaster; the chaplain says, he is "well qualified and discharges his duty satisfactorily." Ministers of all denominations have access to the prisoners of their own religious persuasion.

The building of the new wing has been again deferred, and in the meantime the part of the old prison in which the females are confined remains in the same unsatisfactory state.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 1,119*l.* 12*s.*

SOUTHWELL COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

STATISTICS for the Year ending Michaelmas, 1866.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	545	70	615
Average daily number in custody	81	11	92
Re-committals	267	22	289
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	108	—	108
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	17	17

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	2,199	17	8
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoner's earnings	23	12	2

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	67	2	14	—	83
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	94	15	17	—	126
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	175	20	10	—	205
„ 1 month „ 2 „	92	5	8	—	105
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	36	—	5	—	41
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	28	1	5	1	35
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	12	2	—	—	14
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	3	—	—	—	3
*Penal servitude of every duration	3	—	—	—	3

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mat making - - -	2	—	2	6 11 8	—	6 11 8
Framework knitting and seaming - - - -	1	1	2	4 10 8	—	4 10 8
Tailoring and shoemaking -	2	—	2	—	34 6 0	34 6 0
Joiners, masons, and painters	1	—	1	—	12 17 0	12 17 0
Sewing, mending stockings, &c.	—	4	4	—	17 14 3	17 14 3
Washing and laundry -	—	2	2	—	21 8 0	21 8 0
Total number employed at profitable labour - -	6	7	13	11 2 4	86 5 3	97 7 7

Accommodation for prisoners :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified) -	20	—	20
„ „ (not certified) -	87	14	101
Punishment cells (not certified) -	3	—	3
Reception cells - - - -	2	—	2

A house has been built for the governor, and a new wing is now in course of erection in which it is proposed to provide separate accommodation for all the male prisoners.

The treadwheel labour has been suspended,—all prisoners sentenced to hard labour being employed excavating and laying the foundations of the new buildings. In the present unfinished state of the prison it has been found impossible to carry out all the provisions of the Prison Act, 1865; but the prisoners employed on the works and otherwise associated are under constant supervision.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	14	14	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd - -	9 0	7 10	6	4	14	14	1 8	1 2	1½	1½
4th - -	9 12	7 10	8	6	14	14	1 8	1 2	3	3
5th - -	9 12	8 2	8	6	14	14	3 0	2 4	3	3

	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.
1st - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - -	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - -	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - -	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - -	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

Twenty-six prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 791 days. The provisions are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s*. 1¾*d*. per head.

The surgeon visits the prison daily, and sees every prisoner twice a week. The health of the prisoners has been good. The provisions are of good quality, and the general dietary sufficient, except for the first month in the case of prisoners sentenced for long periods. One prisoner died, one has been pardoned on medical grounds, and three have been removed to a lunatic asylum.

The chaplain performs two full services on Sunday, and reads prayers daily; he also visits the prisoners as required by the rules.

The duties of the schoolmaster have been much hindered by the alterations in progress in the prison. Prisoners of a religious denomination differing from the Established Church, can see a minister of their own religious persuasion when they desire it; but it is required that a special request to that effect should be made by the prisoner.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison, including a pension to a retired warder, amount to 1,161*l*. 16*s*.

RUTLAND.

OAKHAM COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	66	10	76	1	8
Average daily number in custody	6	2	8	—	—
Re-committals	10	—	10	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	10	—	10	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	3	3	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	2	

	£.	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	887	8	2

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	19	—	4	—	23
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	12	—	—	—	12
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	22	—	3	—	25
„ 1 month „ 2 „	4	—	2	—	6
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	3	—	1	—	4
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	1	—	—	—	1
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.		
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Treadwheel	4	—	4	—	—
Cooking	1	—	1	40 0 0	40 0 0
Sewing, washing, and knitting	—	2	2	29 10 0	29 10 0
Not employed	1	—	1	—	—
Total number employed at profitable labour	1	2	3	69 10 0	69 10 0

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (not certified)	30	6	36
Punishment cells (not certified)	2	1	3

For Debtors.

Sleeping cells	3	3	6
Day rooms	2	1	3

Since the last report all the cells have been lighted, warmed, and ventilated, and furnished with the means of enabling the prisoners to communicate with an officer of the prison.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. in summer and 6.15 in winter, and go to bed at 8 p.m. They are employed

principally on the treadwheel under the supervision of an officer. The wheel affords accommodation, in separate compartments, for ten prisoners to work at one time, exclusive of reliefs. Well-conducted prisoners are selected for employment in the prison services.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs.ozs.	lbs.ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs.ozs.	lbs.ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd -	10 8	7 14	3	3	14	14	0 3	0 3	1	1	—	—
3rd -	8 12	7 14	12	12	14	14	4 6	4 6	2	2	—	—
4th -	10 8	7 14	21	21	14	14	4 9	4 9	3	3	—	—
5th -	9 10	7 14	25	21	11	14	7 9	2 9	3	3	2½	—

The provisions are of good quality, supplied principally by contract. The average weekly cost is 2*s.* 7½*d.* per head.

One prisoner received extra diet, by order of the surgeon, for 15 days.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services, visits the prisoners, and gives them both religious and secular instruction. The supply of books is sufficient, the magistrates having recently made a grant for that purpose. There is a charity for the aid of discharged debtors, but its operations are so limited by the Court of Chancery as to render it almost nugatory.

The privilege of being visited by a minister of their own denomination is accorded to all prisoners of a religious persuasion differing from the Established Church.

The surgeon attends twice a week. He states: "the "general condition is good. The gaol has not been visited "by any epidemic. The provisions are good in quality and "sufficient to maintain the general health of the prisoners. "The clothing and bedding are quite sufficient. The "warming, ventilation, and drainage excellent. No death "has occurred during the year."

The number of punishments for prison offences has been, males, 2; females, 1.

The staff of the prison consists of a governor, matron, and two male warders, with a chaplain and surgeon; their united salaries amount to 429*l.*

STAFFORDSHIRE.

STAFFORD COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	3,303	1,005	4,308	50	436
Average daily number in custody -	457	123	580	4	17
Re-committals - - -	988	346	1,334	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	511	—	511	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	149	149	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	39	

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	12,694	8	2¼
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	21	2	5¼

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	431	43	229	28	731
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	819	56	215	14	1,104
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - - -	1,031	49	218	14	1,312
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	373	22	62	1	458
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	197	18	61	3	279
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	185	4	50	—	239
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	95	—	23	1	119
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „ - - -	15	—	2	—	17
Penal servitude of every duration - - -	62	—	8	—	70

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bakers and corn wheels	99	—	99	—	375 6 6	375 6 6
Shoemakers	6	—	6	43 3 5	103 9 0	146 12 5
Tailors	5	—	5	8 0 5	128 17 0	136 17 5
Mat makers	2	—	2	37 1 6	9 5 4½	46 6 10½
Brushmakers	1	—	1	—	27 6 0	27 6 0
Tinmen	1	—	1	—	15 12 0	15 12 0
Bricklayers	2	—	2	—	61 2 0	61 2 0
Painters	2	—	2	—	54 12 0	54 12 2
Carpenters	5	—	5	—	140 8 0	140 8 0
Blacksmiths	4	—	4	—	116 0 0	116 0 0
Labourers	12	—	12	—	196 18 0	196 18 0
Coopers	1	—	1	—	27 6 0	27 6 0
Laundry women	—	17	17	—	155 12 0	155 12 0
Needlewomen	—	62	62	3 0 6	214 16 11½	217 17 5½
Total number employed at profitable labour	140	79	219	91 5 10	1,626 10 10	1,717 16 8

The prison affords accommodation for 581 male and 151 female prisoners, with five punishment cells, all certified; there are also 122 ordinary cells for male criminals, which have not been certified, 12 reception cells and 17 sleeping rooms, and 3 day rooms for debtors.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8.30 p.m., summer and winter; they are employed 8 hours daily, there are three treadwheels, which afford accommodation for 228 prisoners to work at one time, the power is applied to grinding corn, and pumping water for the use of the prison; there are also hard labour machines, and a crank worked by 8 men for pumping water; the other employments provided are breaking stones, mat making, shoemaking, picking oakum, tailoring, and other trades. Prisoners committed for the first time are selected by the governor for employment in the services of the prison.

Prisoners summarily convicted, and all other prisoners whose sentences do not exceed six months, sleep for the first three months on a plank-bed, when the sentence exceeds six months they sleep on a plank-bed for one month during their imprisonment.

All prisoners except debtors and those who are associated by order of the surgeon are in separate confinement when not at labour, and a separate compartment is provided for each prisoner on the treadwheel.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.				Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.				Soup.		Cheese.		Peas Pudding.	
	M.		F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.		F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.
1st -	7	0	7	0	—	—	14	14	—		—		—	—	—	—	— —	—
2nd -	10	8	7	14	—	—	14	14	—		—		—	—	—	—	—	—
3rd -	8	12	7	14	—	—	14	14	1	0	4	0	2	2	3	4	—	—
4th -	10	8	7	14	9	—	14	14	1	8	2	0	3	3	4	3	—	—
5th -	9	10	7	14	12	—	11 and 3 Cocoa.	14	3	0	2	0	3	3	3	8	1 8	—

130 prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 3,111 days.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s*. 3½*d*. per head.

The chaplain submits the following statement with respect to his duties: "Two services on Sunday and daily prayers, "daily visiting of hospitals and punishment cells, entering "prisoners received, and admonishing those to be discharged "on the following day, superintendence of schools, weekly "visits to prisoners in their cells, and lectures to classes." The schoolmaster and schoolmistress are engaged about 36 hours weekly in giving instruction to the prisoners. The prison is well supplied with books.

There are two societies for the aid of discharged prisoners, one for the north, the other for the southern division of the county. The chaplain of the gaol acts as honorary secretary to both societies. 359 prisoners discharged from the county gaol, and 49 convicts discharged on ticket-of-leave have been assisted during the year at an average cost to the society of 12*s*. 9*d*. per head in the southern, and 16*s*. 2*d*. in the northern division; of this number a large proportion are "doing well," and only 11 are known to have relapsed into crime.

The surgeon attends generally twice a day, and examines the prisoners once a week. He states: "there has been less

"than usual of epidemic diarrhœa; the provisions are of "good quality, but prisoners engaged at hard labour, "especially tall men, often require some addition to the "ordinary diet of the prison. The clothing and bedding "are generally sufficient; the warming, ventilation, and "drainage quite satisfactory."

Eight prisoners have died during the year, five have been removed to a lunatic asylum, and four have been pardoned on medical grounds.

Since the last report the new cook-house and treadwheel, with corn mill attached, have been completed and occupied; there has been no other alteration.

The united salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 3,641*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.*

WESTMORELAND.

APPLEBY COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	48	9	57	1 Male	—
Average daily number in custody -	5	2	7	—	—
Re-committals - - - -	23	2	25	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	12	—	12	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	4	4	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	1	

	£	s	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	408	11	0
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	50	13	5

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	12	—	—	—	12
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	5	—	1	—	6
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	4	1	1	—	6
„ 1 month „ 2 „	12	1	2	—	15
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	5	—	1	—	6
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	3	—	1	—	4
„ 1 year „ „ 2 years	1	—	—	—	1
Penal servitude of every duration	1	—	—	—	1

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mat making	18 7 2	—	18 7 2
Services of the prison	—	46 10 0	46 10 0
			64 17 2

The prison affords accommodation for 20 males and 4 females, in cells which have not been certified; there are also 2 cells for punishment, and 3 reception cells, 5 sleeping rooms for debtors, and 1 day room; the cells are neither warmed or furnished with artificial light.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. in summer and 7 a.m. in winter, and go to bed at 7 p.m.; they are employed 9½ hours per day in summer and 8½ in winter, and are allowed 11 hours' sleep in summer and 12 in winter. The treadwheel is used when there are a sufficient number of prisoners to work it; the other employments are mat making and cleaning the prison. The power of the treadwheel is applied

to raising water for the use of the prison. The prisoners are associated, without proper supervision.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Oatmeal Porridge.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Milk.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.	gills.	gills.
1st -	7 14	7 14	—	—	—	—	—	—	--	—	—	—
					lb. oz.	lb. oz.						
2nd -	1 12	1 12	—	—	4 6	4 6	3 0	3 0	—	—	22½	22½
3rd -	3 2	3 2	7½	7½	4 6	4 6	3 0	3 0	3	3	22½	22½
4th -	2 14	2 14	12½	12½	4 6	4 6	3 0	3 0	3	3	22½	22½
5th -	2 12	2 12	16½	16½	4 6	4 6	6 0	6 0	3	3	22½	22½

Eight prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 77 days.

The provisions are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s.* 8*d.* per head.

The surgeon attends twice a week, and daily in cases of sickness. He states: "the provisions are of good quality, and "in most cases sufficient, but not more than sufficient." No death or removal on medical grounds occurred during the year. The chaplain performs one full service on Sunday, and reads prayers daily. There is no schoolmaster. All prisoners are allowed to be visited by a minister of their own denomination. There has been no alteration in the prison since the last report.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 221*l.* 14*s.*

KENDAL COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	271	57	328	20
Average daily number in custody	15	5	20	—
Re-committals	101	20	121	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	24	—	24	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	10	10	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	5

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	548	18	9
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	24	12	0

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	122	8	32	1	163
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	85	2	10	—	97
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	42	3	6	1	52
„ 1 month „ 2 „	11	—	3	—	14
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	16	—	3	—	19
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	2	—	—	—	2
Penal servitude of every duration	—	—	1	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Crank mills	3	—	3	8 7 9	—	8 7 9
Mat making	6	—	6	35 16 7	—	35 16 7
Picking wool and coir	4	2	6	10 19 2	—	10 19 2
Shoemaking and tailoring	1	—	1	1 16 0	—	1 16 0
Knitting, sewing, and washing	—	2	2	—	12 0 0	12 0 0
Service of prison	1	1	2	—		
Total number employed at profitable labour	15	5	20	56 19 6	12 0 0	68 19 6

The prison affords accommodation for 21 male and 4 female prisoners, in cells which have not been certified; there are also 2 punishment cells, 2 reception cells, and 3 sleeping rooms, and 1 day room for debtors. None of the cells are warmed or furnished with artificial light.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. in summer and 7 in winter, and go to bed at 7.30 p.m. There are two mills for grinding or crushing corn, each worked by two men. Prisoners are also employed 10 hours in summer and 9 in winter, mat-making and picking wool and coir; they are associated without supervision.

Prisoners sentenced to simple imprisonment, and the best conducted prisoners are selected by the governor, subject to the approval of the Visiting Justices, for employment in the service of the prison.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Oatmeal Porridge.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Milk.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	lbs.	lbs.	pints.	pints.	gills.	gills.
1st	7 14	7 14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd	1 12	1 12	—	—	4 6	4 6	3	3	—	—	2½	2½
3rd	3 2	3 2	7½	7½	4 6	4 6	3	3	3	3	2½	2½
4th	2 14	2 14	12½	12½	4 6	4 6	3	3	3	3	2½	2½
5th	2 12	2 12	16½	16½	4 6	4 6	6	6	3	3	2½	2½

No prisoner received extra diet.

The provisions are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s.* 1*d.* per head.

The surgeon attends twice a week, and daily when there are any prisoners sick or in solitary confinement. He states: "The general condition of the prisoners as to health has "been satisfactory; the prison has not been visited by any "epidemic; the provisions are of good quality and suffi- "cient." No death or removal on medical grounds occurred during the year.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and has two services on Sunday. The schoolmaster attends for two hours four times a week. The prison is well supplied with books.

Prisoners of a religious denomination differing from the Church of England have not hitherto been offered the privilege of being visited by a minister of their own persuasion, but in future the offer will be made.

I met the Visiting Justices by appointment, and conferred with them with respect to the alterations necessary to adapt the gaol to the requirements of the Prisons Act, 1865.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 272*l.* 14*s.*

YORKSHIRE.

BEVERLEY HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	466	80	546
Average daily number in custody	55	6	61
Re-committals	157	28	185
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	73	—	73
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	13	13

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	2,338	13	10
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	36	0	0

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	85	1	12	—	98
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	55	4	10	1	70
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	175	8	21	1	205
„ 1 month „ 2 „	42	3	14	—	59
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	25	1	7	—	33
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	18	—	3	—	21
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	12	—	2	—	14
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	12	—	—	—	12
Penal servitude of every duration	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
				£ s. d.
Treadwheel	37	—	37	
Mat makers	6	—	6	
Teasing hair and oakum	6	1	7	104 7 4
Sewing and prison services	5	5	10	
Breaking whiting stone for treadmill	1	—	1	
Total number employed at profitable labour	55	6	61	104 7 4

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified)	17	12	29
„ „ (not certified)	83	3	86
Punishment cells (not certified)	1	1	2
Reception cells	4	3	7

Of the 115 ordinary cells, only 64 are warmed and ventilated; 107 are supplied with artificial light; and 54 are furnished with the means of enabling the inmates to communicate with an officer of the prison.

Convicted prisoners may, at the discretion of the governor, be required to sleep on a guard bed for periods not exceeding 21 days.

The prisoners rise at half-past 5 a.m. and go to bed, some at 7, others at 8 p.m. They are employed 10 hours daily. The 1st class hard labour comprises the treadwheel, breaking chalk stone, pumping water, and grinding corn by hand mill. The treadwheel accommodates 40 prisoners in separate compartments; the labour is applied to crushing and making whiting.

The labour of the 2nd class consists of mat making and picking oakum, hair, and wool. Well-conducted prisoners are selected for employment in the prison service. When associated they are under supervision.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	1¼	1¼	—	—	—	—	5	5
2nd -	10 8	7 14	—	—	1¼	1¼	—	—	1	1	5	5
3rd -	8 12	7 14	6	6	1¼	1¼	4 0	4 0	2	2	5	5
4th -	10 8	7 14	12	12	1¼	1¼	2 0	2 0	3	3	5	5
5th -	9 10	7 14	16	12	1¼	1¼	7 0	3 8	3	3	5	5

Three prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 56 days.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 3*s.* 0¾*d.* per head.

The surgeon attends almost daily, and examines all the prisoners twice a week.

A prisoner was attacked with typhus fever a few days after admission, and died of that disease. Four other prisoners took the fever, but recovered; with this exception the health of the prisoners has been "good." The provisions are of good quality, and the general dietary not more than sufficient to maintain the health and strength of the prisoners.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services, and sees each prisoner every week. The sick more frequently.

The schoolmaster is engaged about twenty hours in each week, giving instruction to the prisoners; he is well qualified for his duties.

The Roman Catholic Minister has free access to the prisoners of his denomination.

There has been no alteration in the prison since the last report.

The salaries of the officers of the prison amount to 1,131*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*

KINGSTON-ON-HULL BOROUGH GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year	696	413	1,109	13	12
Average daily number in custody	114	51	165	2	—
Re-committals	240	189	429	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	140	—	140	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	80	80	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	5	

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	2,655	17	5
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	13	6	10

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	97	7	63	—	167
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	118	39	93	16	266
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	102	40	78	3	223
„ 1 month „ 2 „	62	20	21	—	103
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	24	11	13	—	48
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	92	6	61	—	159
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	50	—	36	—	86
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	16	—	8	—	24
Penal servitude of every duration	5	—	5	—	10

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sewing	—	8	8	42 12 4	—	—
Making mats and matting	22	—	22	107 12 9	—	—
„ whiting	34	—	34	107 18 2	—	—
Teasing oakum	24	22	46	125 4 0	—	—
„ hair	—	8	8	28 17 0	—	—
Shoemaking	2	—	2	17 14 10	—	—
Tailoring	2	—	2	24 6 4	—	—
Total number employed at profitable labour	84	38	122	454 5 5	200 0 0	654 5 5

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified)	26	5	31
„ „ (not certified)	53	29	82
Punishment cells	5	1	6
Reception cells	1	1	2

For Debtors.

Sleeping cells	9	3	12
Day rooms	2	1	3

There has been no alteration in the prison since the last report, and the building of the new gaol has made very little progress.

The governor states that the prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 9 p.m., both summer and winter; but as only 35 of the cells are supplied with artificial light, it is difficult to understand how this rule can be carried out in winter; they are employed 10 hours daily,—on the treadwheel, breaking chalk stone for whiting, weaving mats and matting in heavy looms, mat making, shoemaking, tailoring, picking hair and oakum, making, repairing, and washing the prisoners' clothes. Well-conducted prisoners are selected by the governor for employment in the prison service.

The treadwheel affords accommodation for 20 prisoners in separate compartments; a warder is always present at the

wheel, but the supervision of other prisoners who are associated is not sufficient.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.
1st	7 0	7 0	—	—	1¼	1¼	—	—	—	—	4½	4½	4½	4½
2nd	10 8	7 14	—	—	1¼	1¼	—	—	1	—	4½	4½	4½	4½
3rd	8 12	7 14	6	6	1¼	1¼	4	4	2	2	4½	4½	4½	4½
4th	10 8	7 14	12	12	1¼	1¼	2	2	3	3	4½	4½	—	—
5th	9 10	7 14	16	12	1¼	1¼	3	3½	3	3	4½	4½	—	—

Fourteen prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 433 days.

The provisions are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 1*s.* 11*d.* per head.

The surgeon attends the prison daily. He says, "the "general health of the prisoners is good; the dietary is "sufficient; should any prisoner appear to me to need it "I order more." One prisoner has died from delirium tremens, and one has been pardoned on medical grounds.

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and performs two services on Sunday; visits the sick and prisoners in solitary confinement daily; sees each prisoner on admission; and examines prisoners in class five times a week. The schoolmaster and mistress are well qualified and perform their duties satisfactorily. There is a "Discharged Prisoners' "Aid Society" of which the chaplain is the hononary secretary, the number relieved during the year has been 143 men, and 63 women, at a cost to the society of only 22*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.*

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 1,330*l.* 10*s.*

LEEDS BOROUGH GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	1,934	601	2,535
Average daily number in custody	276	72	348
Re-committals	787	311	1,098
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	339	—	339
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	104	104
	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	6,949	8	9
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	16	13	1

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentence.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	669	32	237	7	945
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	185	19	80	2	286
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	255	36	109	8	408
„ 1 month „ „ 2 „	102	15	20	6	143
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	99	12	32	5	148
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	84	5	19	2	110
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	70	3	11	—	84
„ 1 year „ 2 „	25	—	7	1	33
„ 2 „	1	—	—	—	1
Penal servitude of every duration	23	—	4	—	27

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

Description of Employment.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Joiners	2	—	2	2 8 11	15 7 0	17 15 11
Shoemakers	5	—	5	14 19 6	41 3 2	56 2 8
Tailors	4	—	4	11 5 7	54 8 6	65 14 1
Smiths, plumbers, and painters	4	—	4	1 0 4	173 1 0	174 7 4
Weavers	26	—	26	152 13 4	—	152 13 4
Mat makers and matting weaving	110	2	112	509 6 11	6 17 4	516 4 3
Wool and oakum pickers	35	10	45	36 1 6	—	36 1 6
Sewers and knitters	—	32	32	41 7 4	68 16 7	110 3 11
Other employments	5	—	5	4 8 8	18 19 11	23 8 7
Total number employed at profitable labour	191	44	239	773 18 1	378 13 6	1,152 11 7

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified) -	347	100	447
Punishment cells (certified) -	2	1	3
Reception cells - - -	6	6	12

The prisoners rise at 5 a.m., and go to bed at 8.30 p.m. All prisoners sentenced for periods not exceeding three months sleep on a guard bed the first month. There are 30 hard labour machines or cellular cranks in the prison, which, with matting, weaving, and making mats, furnish the hard labour of the 1st class; 2nd class hard labour consists of shoemaking, tailoring, picking oakum and wool, joiners, smiths, and plumbers' work, sewing, knitting, and washing. Well-conducted and industrious prisoners who have served at least three months of their sentence are selected for employment in the prison service. There is also a garden class who work in the prison grounds, under supervision; all the other prisoners are in separate confinement.

Part only of the provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s.* 3*d.* per head.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	1½	1½	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd - -	9 0	7 10	6	4	1½	1½	3 12	2 10	2½	2½
4th - -	9 14	7 10	8	6	1½	1½	4 8	3 6	3	3
5th - -	10 0	8 2	8	6	1½	1½	6 0	4 8	3	3

	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.
1st - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd - -	—	—	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd - -	—	—	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th - -	1	1	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th - -	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

Three hundred and seventy-nine prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 6,205 days.

The surgeon visits the prison daily and examines the prisoners twice in each week. He states: "The health of "the prisoners has generally been good. With the exception "of classes 1 and 2 the diet is sufficient, and not more "than sufficient to maintain the health of the prisoners, "especially those engaged in hard labour." Seven prisoners have died; of these, one died on the day, and another on the day following his admission; a third, who had been sentenced to death, attempted to commit suicide by throwing himself from the upper landing in the corridor, and died a fortnight afterwards from the injuries he sustained. The verdict of the jury in this case was "Felo de se;" one prisoner, who was insane when admitted, was acquitted on the ground of insanity, and removed to Broadmoor Asylum.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services; visits the sick and prisoners under punishment daily; sees all prisoners on admission and, except in the case of prisoners committed for short periods, again on their discharge.

The schoolmaster and mistress discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the chaplain. All prisoners under 16 years of age attend school.

The Society for the aid of prisoners on their discharge, which has now been established about three years, and of which the chaplain is the honorary secretary, has been moderately successful.

Prisoners who do not belong to the Church of England are visited by a minister of their own denomination when they make a request to that effect.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 1,745*l.*

NORTHALLERTON COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	768	236	1,004
Average daily number in custody	116	27	143
Re-committals	178	72	250
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	146	—	146
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	44	44

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	3,271	12	3
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	21	2	2

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCES.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	50	4	35	2	91
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	17	—	12	2	31
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	216	16	62	3	297
„ 1 month „ 2 „	102	10	57	—	259
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	102	1	21	—	124
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	77	3	12	—	92
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	50	2	14	—	66
„ 1 year „ 2 „	21	—	15	—	36
„ 2 years	1	—	—	—	1
Penal servitude of every duration	6	—	1	—	7

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Grinding corn	8	—	8	18 16 3	238 12 5	257 8 8
Joiners' work	1	—	1	5 0 0	13 14 0	18 14 0
Tailoring	2	—	2	30 0 0	—	30 0 0
Making clogs	1	—	1	20 10 0	—	20 10 0
Tinmen and painting	1	—	1	6 10 0	12 0 0	18 10 0
Smiths' work	1	—	1	7 0 0	3 14 0	10 14 0
Mat making	4	—	4	29 19 9	—	29 19 9
Splitting firewood	8	—	8	39 13 6	—	39 13 6
Picking oakum	39	—	39	47 18 8	—	47 18 8
Breaking stones	6	—	6	12 6 8	—	12 6 8
Knitting and sewing	—	12	12	39 12 0	—	39 12 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	71	12	83	257 6 10	268 0 5	525 7 3

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Certified cells - -	142	55	197
Cells (not certified) - -	15	1	16
Punishment cells - -	2	2	4
Reception cells - -	4	2	6

The prisoners rise at 5.30 a.m. in summer and 6 in winter, and go to bed at 9 p.m. They are employed 10 hours daily. Hard labour of the 1st class comprises the treadwheel, on which 36 prisoners can work at one time, two corn mills (which give employment to eight prisoners), and breaking stones. The 2nd class labour consists of picking oakum, mat making, sawing wood, clog making, and tailoring. When associated the prisoners are under constant supervision. The labour at the treadwheel is not applied to any useful purpose, but the corn mills grind the flour for the use of the prison.

Well-conducted prisoners who have served six months of their sentence are selected by the Visiting Justices for employment in the prison services.

All convicted prisoners sleep on a guard bed for the first month of their imprisonment.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.
1st - -	9 12	8 3	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 15
2nd -	8 14	7 1	—	—	1¼	1¼	2 4	1 8
3rd - -	9 14	7 10	6	6	1¼	1¼	3 12	2 10
4th -	9 14	7 10	8	8	1¼	1¼	4 8	3 6
5th - -	10 0	8 2	8	8	1¼	1¼	6 0	4 8

	Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.
1st - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	18
2nd -	—	—	—	—	2	2	18	18
3rd -	2½	2½	—	—	3	3	24	18
4th -	3	3	7	7	4	3	36	24
5th	3	3	7	7	4	3	36	24

Fifty-six prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 1,048 days.

The provisions are supplied by contract.

The surgeon visits the prison daily, and examines all the prisoners once a week. He states: "A very mild form of "diarrhœa prevailed during the summer and autumn "months, otherwise the general health of the prisoners has "been good. The provisions are of good quality, but "until the recent improvement in the dietaries they were "barely sufficient to maintain the health and strength of "the prisoners. The clothing and bedding are sufficient; "and the warming, ventilation, and drainage are satisfac-"tory." Three prisoners died during the year; they were all in indifferent health when admitted, and the verdict in each case was "Died from natural causes." Two prisoners were pardoned on medical grounds, and one, a female, was removed to the North Riding Lunatic Asylum.

The chaplain performs daily service, with two full services on Sunday, and is engaged daily visiting the prisoners. The schoolmaster and mistress discharge their duties with satisfaction to the chaplain. The supply of religious books is sufficient, but there is a scanty supply of books of general information. A Roman Catholic minister has been appointed to visit prisoners of that denomination.

All prisoners sentenced to hard labour are employed at 1st class labour for the first three months, picking oakum to the end of the sixth month, after which period they are put to some other 2nd class labour, unless selected for employment in the prison services.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison, including pensions to retired officers, amount to 1,621*l.* 12*s.* An assistant wardswoman is also occasionally employed at 1*s.* 6*d.* per day.

RIPON LIBERTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	33	11	44
Average daily number in custody - - -	6	2	8
Re-committals - - -	8	2	10
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	13	—	13
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time -	—	5	5

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	423	11	4
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - -	47	13	5

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	3	—	3	—	6
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - -	5	—	2	—	7
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - -	6	—	2	—	8
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - -	5	—	4	—	9
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - -	6	—	1	—	7
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - -	3	—	—	—	3
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - -	2	—	—	—	2
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „ - - -	1	—	—	—	1
„ 2 years - - - - - - -	1	—	1	—	2
Penal servitude of every duration - -	—	—	1	—	1

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Picking oakum, chopping and sawing wood - -	6	2	8	32 1 6	10 2 0	42 3 6
Total number employed at profitable labour - -	6	2	8	32 1 6	10 2 0	42 3 6

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Cells (not certified) - -	14	7	21
Do. for punishment - -	1	—	1
Reception cell - - -	1	—	1

Alterations are in progress with a view to adapt the prison to the requirements of the Prison Act, 1865.

The prisoners rise at 6.30 a.m. in summer and 7 o'clock in winter, and go to bed at 9 p.m. in summer and 8 in winter. They are employed 9 hours daily,—the males

picking oakum and chopping and sawing wood; females, in the laundry.

Prisoners are selected by the governor for employment in the prison services.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs.	lbs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs.	lbs.	pints.	pints.
1st -	6	6	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	—
2nd -	10½	10½	—	—	7	7	—	—	—	—
3rd -	10½	10½	—	—	14	14	—	—	—	—
4th -	10½	10½	12	12	14	14	1½	1½	3	3
5th -	10½	—	16	12	14	14	1½	1½	3	3

Sixteen prisoners received extra diet by order of the surgeon for the aggregate number of 128 days.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 3*s.* per head.

The surgeon visits the prison twice a week, and oftener when necessary. The health of the prisoners has been good. No death or removal on medical grounds occurred during the year.

The chaplain performs Divine Service once on Sunday, and twice during the week; he also visits the sick. There is no schoolmaster. Roman Catholic prisoners are visited by a minister of their own denomination, when they make application to that effect.

So soon as the alterations in the buildings are completed it is proposed to submit tables of hard labour for the approval of the Secretary of State.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 118*l.* 18*s.*

SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year -	142	54	196
Average daily number in custody -	17	8	25
Re-committals - - -	8	5	13
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	25	—	25
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - - -	—	12	12

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	940	19	8
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	32	4	10

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - -	35	—	13	—	48
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - -	1	—	—	—	1
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - -	24	3	11	4	42
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	25	—	4	—	29
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	9	—	2	—	11
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - -	6	—	7	—	13
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	15	—	9	—	24
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „ - - -	5	—	3	—	8
Penal servitude of every duration - - -	5	3	1	4	13

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Stone breaking - -	11	—	11	75 14 2	15 0 0	90 14 2
Teasing hair - - -	4	3	7			
Splitting firewood -	2	—	2			
Washing and sewing - -	—	5	5			
Total number employed at profitable - - -	17	8	25	75 14 2	15 0 0	90 14 2

The new gaol affords accommodation for 53 prisoners, as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Certified cells - - -	36	12	48
Ordinary cells (not certified) -	3	2	5
Punishment cells (certified) -	1	1	2
Reception cells - - -	—	—	4

On the day of Inspection the Prisoners (34 in number) were confined in the old gaol, which contains only 12 cells, there had been much misconduct amongst the prisoners, which was only checked by their removal, in the month of October, to the new gaol, where they are all in separate confinement, and where better means of supervision are provided.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.		Treacle in Gruel.		Cocoa.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st -	7 0	7 0	—	—	1½	1½	—	—	—	—	5½	5½	—	—
2nd -	10 8	7 14	3	3	1½	1½	—	—	1	1	5½	5½	—	—
3rd -	10 8	7 14	12	12	1½	1½	4 0	4 0	2	2	5½	5½	—	—
4th -	10 8	7 14	21	21	1½	1½	2 0	2 0	3	3	5½	5½	—	—
5th -	7 14	7 14	28	21	11	11	7 0	3 8	3	3	3	3	3	3

The provisions and stores are purchased in the market as they are required. The average weekly cost of the food was 3*s.* 11*d.* per head.

The surgeon visits the prison almost daily. He states: "the "general condition of the prisoners is good as far as health "is concerned. The provisions are good, and the general "dietary sufficient."

The chaplain reads prayers daily, and performs two full services on Sunday. He sees each prisoner on admission and discharge, daily visits the prisoners under punishment, and the sick, and visits all the prisoners frequently. There is no schoolmaster. A further supply of books will be made when the prisoners are transferred to the new prison. Prisoners who do not belong to the Established Church are informed by the chaplain that they may be visited by a minister of their own persuasion if they desire it.

A new code of rules and a labour table in accordance with the provisions of the Prison Act, 1865, have been submitted for approval and will be brought into operation so soon as the new prison is occupied.

The salaries of the officers of the old prison amount to 157*l.* 10*s.*

WAKEFIELD COUNTY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	4,578	1,178	5,756
Average daily number in custody	828·8	173·8	1002·6
Re-committals - -	1,841	612	2,453
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	943.	—	943
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time -	—	207	207

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	21,518	16	9
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	16	18	9

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	650	12	228	—	890
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	674	21	222	4	921
" 14 days " " 1 month - -	1,118	47	311	10	1,486
" 1 month " " 2 " - - -	672	44	127	6	749
" 2 " " 3 " - - -	482	34	83	1	600
" 3 " " 6 " - - -	283	3	55	—	341
" 6 " " 1 year - - -	187	2	33	—	222
" 1 year " " 2 " - - -	72	—	19	—	91
Penal servitude of every duration - -	108	—	23	—	131

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Shoemaking	38	—	38	474 2 2	No calculation is made of the work done for the prison by sweepers, cleaners, nurses, cooks, &c.	474 2 2
Tailoring	36	—	36	412 10 1		412 10 1
Mechanical trades	24	—	24	260 17 0		260 17 0
Mat making and knitting	355	34	389	2,009 6 0		2,009 6 0
Sundry trades	97	106	203	1,368 3 11		1,368 3 11
Total number employed at profitable labour	550	140	690	4,524 19 2		4,524 19 2

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (certified)	741	191	932
Punishment cells	12	4	16
Reception cells	30	—	30

Extensive alterations are in progress by which it is proposed to convert part of the old buildings in order to provide separate accommodation for all female prisoners, and the prison now occupied by females will be appropriated to the male prisoners employed on a treadwheel, which is in course of construction. The new buildings and alterations will, it is expected, be completed in the summer.

The prisoners rise at 5.30 a.m. and go to bed at 9 p.m. They are employed 9 hours daily. Hard labour of the 1st class comprises weaving matting canvas, mats, and carpeting, rope and oakum beating, and making mats on a frame with a heavy beater.

Hard labour of the 2nd class consists of all descriptions of mat making and finishing not included in the above, weaving and finishing matting by steam power, and calico by hand, preparing cocoa fibre for mats, picking fibre and oakum, shoemaking, tailoring, smiths', joiners', masons', and bricklayers' work, making gas, &c. &c.

Prisoners are selected from those engaged in 2nd class labour for employment in the service of the prison.

When associated they are under constant supervision.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

Class.	Bread.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	8 0	6 10	—	—	3 0	3 0	—	—
2nd - -	8 0	6 10	14	14	3 0	3 0	—	—
3rd -	8 4	7 4	14	14	3 0	3 0	3	3
4th - -	9 8	7 10	14	14	3 0	3 0	3	3

	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.
1st - -	3	3	—	—	—	—	18	18
2nd - -	3	3	1	1	—	—	18	18
3rd - -	—	—	2	2	24	24	—	—
4th - -	7	7	3	3	36	24	—	—

One hundred and fifty prisoners received extra diet by order of the surgeon for the aggregate number of 11,276 days.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s.* 5¾*d.* per head.

The surgeon attends daily, and makes a special examination of the prisoners once a month. The general health has been good, and the surgeon considers the dietary sufficient. Eighteen prisoners have died, and eight have been removed to a lunatic asylum.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services, visits the sick and the prisoners under punishment daily, sees the prisoners on admission and discharge, visits from cell to cell, and superintends the schools.

The schoolmasters and mistress are occupied 8 hours daily teaching and visiting the prisoners in their cells. An industrial home has been established which has proved of service to discharged prisoners.

Roman Catholic prisoners are visited by the minister appointed for that purpose. Prisoners of other denominations are visited by their ministers when they make a request to that effect.

The following Return shows the number of prisoners in custody on the 2d October last, with their several religious denominations.

Religious Denomination.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Church of England - -	585	79	664
Roman Catholic - - -	162	56	218
Methodist - - -	44	25	69
Baptist - - - -	7	2	9
Independent - - -	4	1	5
Calvinist - - -	1	—	1
Unitarian - - -	1	—	1
Mormons - - - -	2	—	2
None - - - -	10	8	18
	816	171	987

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 7,286*l.*; the pensions to retired officers to 563*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*

YORK CASTLE COUNTY GAOL.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors, Male and Female.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sheriffs.	County Court.
Prisoners committed in the year -	112	20	132	118	127
Average daily number in custody, including one hundred Middlesex prisoners - - -	111	4	115	10	11
Re-committals - - -	3	—	3	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	118	—	118	—	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	8	8	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	30	

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	5,530	12	3
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	36	18	7

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	1	—	1	—	2
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	—	—	3	—	3
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	15	—	2	—	17
„ 1 month „ 2 „	2	—	3	—	5
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	3	—	1	—	4
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	6	—	1	—	7
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	8	—	1	—	9
„ 1 year „ 2 „	4	—	—	—	4
„ 2 years	1	—	—	—	1
Penal servitude of every duration	12	—	1	—	13

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wood chopping	20	—	20	131 3 4	20 0 0	151 3 4
Picking oakum	18	—	18	129 14 7	—	129 14 7
Mat making	6	—	6	71 17 8	1 2 7	73 0 3
Shoemaking	5	—	5	48 19 3	86 5 0	135 4 3
Marble sawing and polishing	19	—	19	89 0 2	—	89 0 2
Blacksmithing, joinering, tailoring, and basketmaking	13	—	13	42 17 6	179 11 3	222 8 9
Masonry, bricklaying, and whitewashing	2	—	2	—	51 19 0	51 19 0
Washing and mending	3	4	7	—	174 8 4	174 8 4
Making linen, &c.	—	1	1	—	22 10 0	22 10 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	86	5	91	513 12 6	535 16 2	1,049 8 8

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For Criminals.			
Ordinary cells (not certified)	128	7	135
Punishment cells (not certified)	8	2	10
Reception cells	2	—	2
For Debtors.			
Cells or rooms	27	2	29

All the cells are partially warmed by gas. They are not ventilated, neither are they furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate with an officer.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. in summer and 7 in winter, and go to bed at 8 p.m. The treadwheel is worked by twelve prisoners, all in separate compartments, and under the supervision of an officer. The power is applied to sawing blocks of marble.

The crank, which is worked by 10 men, is used to turn the wheel of a circular saw for cutting wood. The other employments provided are oakum beating and picking (5 lbs. being required as a day's work), mat making, chopping wood, making skewers, tailoring, shoemaking, smiths' and joiners' work, sewing, and washing.

Prisoners who have completed their period of hard labour of the 1st class are selected by the governor for employment in the prison service.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.		Meat.		Gruel.		Potatoes.		Soup.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st	8 0	6 13	—	—	—	—	1 8	1 2	—	—
2nd	8 0	6 13	—	—	1¼	1¼	2 4	1 8	—	—
3rd	9 0	7 10	6	4	1¼	1¼	4 0	2 4	2½	2½
4th	9 0	6 13	8	6	1¼	1¼	4 8	4 0	3	3
5th	10 0	8 10	8	6	1¼	1¼	6 0	4 8	3	3

CLASS.	Treacle in Gruel.		Cheese.		Suet Pudding.		Indian Meal Pudding.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.
1st	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 2	0 12
2nd	2	2	2	2	—	—	1 8	1 2
3rd	2	2	3	3	8	6	—	—
4th	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—
5th	2	2	4	3	12	8	—	—

The provisions and stores are supplied chiefly by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 3*s.* 1¾*d.* per head.

The surgeon visits the prison daily, and sees every prisoner twice a week. He states: "The general dietary "is in my opinion sufficient, and not more than sufficient to "maintain the health and strength of the prisoners." One

prisoner has died, and one has been removed to a Lunatic Asylum. The health of the prisoners, generally, has been good.

The chaplain performs the usual weekly and daily services; visits the prisoners and the school, which is held in the evening from 6 to 8 o'clock. Prisoners who do not belong to the Church of England are visited by a minister of their own denomination, when they desire it.

There has been no alteration in the buildings or in the discipline of the prison since the last report.

One hundred prisoners are received under contract from the Middlesex House of Correction.

The salaries of the officers and servants of the prison amount to 1,908*l.* 8*s.*

YORK CITY GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

Criminal Prisoners.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	298	201	499
Average daily number in custody	23	13	36
Re-committals	72	48	120
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	54	—	54
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	23	23

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	1,293	9	7
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	2	8	0¼

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentence.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	126	12	113	2	253
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	37	2	20	—	59
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	44	7	36	1	88
„ 1 month „ 2 „	26	2	6	1	35
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	16	—	9	—	25
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	6	—	5	—	11
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	7	—	5	—	12
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	4	—	2	—	6
2 years	2	—	—	—	2
Penal servitude of every duration	7	—	1	—	8

TABLE showing how the Prisioners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Stone breaking - -	12	—	12	64 8 10	—	64 8 10
Wood cutting - - -	7	—	7	40 7 7	—	40 7 7
Laundry work, sewing, and knitting for the prison.	—	10	10	—	Work done for the prison not valued.	—
Total number employed at profitable labour - -	19	10	29	—	—	104 16 5

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells (not certified) -	41	10	51
Punishment cells (not certified) -	4	1	5

The male prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 7.30 p.m. The females rise at 6 a.m. in summer and 7.15 in winter, and go to bed at 7 p.m. in summer and 6 in winter. The male prisoners are employed 10, and the females 9 hours daily. The males breaking stones and cutting wood by task work; and occasionally as tailors and joiners. The females washing, mangling, knitting, and sewing. Prisoners are selected by the governor for employment in the prison service.

The prisoners are in association during the hours of labour, under the supervision of an officer.

WEEKLY Amount of Food supplied to Prisoners in each Class at Hard Labour.

CLASS.	Bread.				Meat.		Milk.		Potatoes.				Soup.	
	M.		F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.		F.		M.	F.
	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.	ozs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.	lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.	pints.	pints.
1st - -	7	0	7	0	—	—	—	—	—		—		—	—
2nd - -	10	8	10	8	—	—	3½	3½	—		—		—	—
3rd - -	14	0	10	8	—	—	7	7	—		—		—	—
4th - -	14	0	10	8	12	12	7	7	1	8	1	8	3	3
5th - -	14	0	10	8	16	16	7	7	1	8	1	8	3	3

Eleven prisoners received extra diet by order of the surgeon for the aggregate number of 525 days.

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 3*s.* 10*d.* per head.

The surgeon visits the prison daily, and sees the whole of the prisoners twice a week. The general health has been good. One prisoner has died; he was in a bad state of health when admitted. The verdict of the Jury was "Died by the visitation of God."

The chaplain performs divine service twice on Sunday and once every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, and gives secular instruction to the prisoners twice a week. There is no schoolmaster. Every facility is afforded to prisoners who do not belong to the Church of England, that they may see a minister of their own denomination.

No alteration has been made either in the buildings or in the discipline to meet the requirements of the Prisons Act, 1865. There were at one time as many as 54 male and 16 female prisoners, with only 41 available cells for the males and 10 for the females. Four male prisoners occupied one cell. The females are associated by night as well as by day without supervision; the matron being the only female officer.

The salaries of the officers of the prison amount to 495*l.*

PRISONS IN SCOTLAND.

ABERDEENSHIRE.

ABERDEEN COUNTY PRISON.

—	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year	618	370	988	32
Average daily number in custody	34	23	57	4
Re-committals - - -	103	108	211	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	49	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	35	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - -	—	—	—	9

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	1,317	3	8
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	20	1	2

TABLE showing the Number of PERSONS sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 10 days - - - - - -	156	10	139	1	306
Above 10 and not exceeding 60 days - - -	190	44	162	4	400
„ 60 „ „ 6 months - -	7	1	4	—	12
„ 6 months „ 1 year - - -	11	—	6	—	17
„ 1 year „ 2 years - -	8	—	7	—	15
„ 2 years - - - - - -	—	—	1	—	1
Penal servitude of every duration - - -	4	1	4	—	9

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For Criminals.			
Ordinary cells	51	39	90
Punishment cell	1	—	1
For Debtors.			
Sleeping cells	7	1	8
Day rooms	1	—	1

The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated; but they are not furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison, as required by the regulations for prisons in Scotland (Rule 70).

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m., and go to bed at 8 p.m., except on Sunday, when they rise an hour later, and go to bed an hour earlier. All convicted prisoners sleep on a guard bed for the first month of their imprisonment, unless they are exempted by the surgeon.

When in association the prisoners are not under constant supervision, but are visited frequently by the officers.

The dietaries, which are the same in all the local prisons in Scotland have been published in former reports. The provisions and stores are supplied by contract, The average weekly cost of the food is 1*s.* 7*d.* per head.

Four prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 209 days.

The prisoners are employed 10 hours daily, the males principally picking oakum and mat-making; the females sewing and knitting. The net profit on work done during the year has been 132*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.*

The chaplain performs three full services on Sunday, and visits each prisoner at least once a week; he also gives secular instruction to the male prisoners in their cells. The females receive instruction from the matron. Prisoners of a religious persuasion differing from the Established Church are visited by a minister of their own denomination, when they desire it.

There are two associations in the neighbourhood in aid of discharged female prisoners. From the reports sent to the chaplain, the results appear to have been satisfactory.

The surgeon states:—"I make a regular visit twice a "week, when I examine all the prisoners. Monthly, I "ascertain more particularly the state of health of prisoners "committed for three months and upwards; and besides the "regular visit, see other prisoners as often as I think "necessary in any particular case. The general health of

" the prisoners has been good; the provisions are of good " quality, and sufficient, but not more than sufficient; the " clothing and bedding are also sufficient, and the warming, " ventilation, and drainage satisfactory." One prisoner died of typhoid fever, and one (a female) committed suicide by hanging. One prisoner who was found insane on arraignment was removed to the general prison.

Number of punishments for prison offences:—

Males, 28; Females, 3.

The prison staff comprises, a governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, four male and two female warders. The salaries amount to 726*l.* 4*s.*; the superannuation allowance paid to retired officers amounts to 123*l.* 4*s.*

ARGYLESHIRE.

INVERARY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year	69	18	87	3
Average daily number in custody	4	1	5	—
Re-committals	5	5	10	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	—	—	11	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	—	5	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	1

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	228	8	6
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoner's earnings	43	15	3

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the year.

Length of Sentence.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	7	—	1	—	8
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	10	1	2	1	14
" 14 " " 1 month	14	—	7	—	21
" 1 month " 2 "	7	—	4	—	11
" 1 year " " 2 years	1	—	—	—	1
Penal servitude	1	—	1	—	

The prison contains 12 cells for male, and 9 for female criminals, and 4 for debtors. The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but are not furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m., and go to bed at 8 p.m., and are employed 10 hours daily, principally picking oakum. The profit arising from their work amounted to 2*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* No prisoner has been sentenced to hard labour during the year.

The provisions and stores are purchased as they are required. The average weekly cost of the food is 1*s.* 11½*d.* per head. No extra diet has been issued.

The chaplain visits the prisoners twice a week, and performs the other duties of his office. The governor and matron give secular instruction to the prisoners under the direction of the chaplain.

The surgeon also attends twice a week. He states, the general condition of the prisoners as to health has been "good." No death occurred during the year. The provisions are of good quality, and not more than sufficient. The number of punishments for prison offences has been two.

The officers of the prison are governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, and one warder; their salaries amount to 141*l.* 4*s.*

TOBERMOROY PRISON.

Prisoners committed during the year:—

Males.	Females.	Total.
7	1	8

Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - 3
" " female " " - 1

Total ordinary expenditure for the prison, 28*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*

A new prison, containing four cells for criminals, and one for civil prisoners, has been legalized for the confinement of prisoners sentenced for periods not exceeding 60 days.

There was no prisoner in confinement on the day of inspection.

The prison is in good order, although the cells show marks of having been damp during the winter months. The Sheriff made the following entry in the Inspection Book:—

"The cells bear the marks of having admitted much wet "during the winter, but they are now dry. It will be "necessary to have them washed externally with Portland "cement, or otherwise protected, before next winter."

I recommended that this suggestion should be acted upon without delay.

AYRSHIRE.

AYR COUNTY PRISON.

—	Criminals.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year	313	202	515 *	24
Average daily number in custody	25	104	129 †	—
Re-committals - - -	96	77	172	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	37	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	116	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - -	—	—	—	10

* Including 54 female convicts received under contract.

† Including 88 female convicts received under contract.

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	2,871	9	3
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners earnings - - - - -	19	7	1

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year, exclusive of Government Convicts received under Contract.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	40	1	52	1	94
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	42	5	29	2	78
„ 14 days „ 1 month	99	7	33	2	141
„ 1 month „ 2 „	34	4	10	—	48
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	5	—	4	—	9
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	11	—	7	—	18
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	11	—	4	—	15
„ 1 year „ 2 „	1	1	1	—	3
Penal servitude of every duration	2	1	—	—	3

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mat-making	2	—	2			
Picking oakum	17	16	33			
Miscellaneous	1	8	9			
Cleaning	3	6	9	249 1 1	125 7 3	374 8 4
Sewing	—	51	51			
Knitting	—	3	3			
Cooking, washing, &c.	—	7	7			
Total number employed at profitable labour	23	91	114			

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Criminals.			
Ordinary cells	29	112	141
Punishment cells	1	2	3
Debtors.			
Sleeping cells	2	1	3
Day rooms	1	—	1

All the cells are lighted with gas, but the females prison alone is properly warmed and ventilated. The cells are not supplied with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison, as required by the regulations for prisons in Scotland, Rule 70.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m., except on Sunday, when they rise an hour later, and retire an hour earlier. They are engaged 10 hours daily in the several employments as shown in the above Table.

Convicted prisoners are required to sleep on a guard-bed for the first month of their imprisonment. The dietaries in use in the general prison at Perth are issued to the female convicts received under contract; the county prisoners receive the same diet as in other local prisons; the provisions are good in quality and sufficient; they are supplied by contract; the average weekly cost of the whole is 2*s.* 3½*d.* per head.

Twelve prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 884 days.

Well-conducted prisoners during the latter part of their sentence are selected for employment in the prison service.

The chaplain is engaged five days of the week, three hours each day, in the discharge of his duties as chaplain and teacher; on Saturday and Sunday he is occupied two hours each day. The schoolmistress attends five hours each week-day, Saturday excepted, and two hours every Sunday. The chaplain states: "She is well qualified for the duties of her office." Prisoners of a religious persuasion differing from that of the Established Church are invariably reminded that they may be visited by a minister of their own denomination.

The surgeon inspects the whole of the prison twice a week, and sees the sick daily or as often as necessary. He states: "The prisoners generally enjoy very good health; "the provisions are of good quality and sufficient, though "not more than sufficient, to support the health and strength "of the prisoners. The clothing and bedding are sufficient; "the warming, ventilation, and drainage satisfactory, ex- "cept in the prison occupied by the males, which is not "warmed."

Four prisoners have died during the year, and one who was of unsound mind when admitted was removed to a lunatic asylum.

The number of punishments for prison offences has been—males 9, females 83.

Since last report the portion of the prison occupied by

the female county prisoners, has been heated with hot water, and the ventilation in the males department has been improved. A safety gate has also been erected at the main entrance.

The prison staff comprises a governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, schoolmistress, six male and five female warders.

The salaries amount to 941*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.*

The allowance to retired officers amounts to 50*l.*

KILMARNOCK PRISON.

Criminal Prisoners.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Committed in the year -	160	77	237
Average daily number in custody - - -	11	5	16
Re-commitals - -	47	45	92
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time -	—	—	18
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time -	—	—	15

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	426	3	11
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - - -	18	17	8¼

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - -	10	—	19	—	29
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - -	29	2	24	1	56
„ 14 days „ 1 month - -	37	6	11	—	54
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - -	27	—	11	—	38
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - -	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
Picking oakum, wool, &c.	6	2	8	£ 17 s. 3 d. 0	£ — s. — d. —	£ 17 s. 3 d. 0
Mat-making	1	—	1	2 16 8	0 3 0	2 19 8
Tailoring	—	—	—	4 10 0	2 12 0	7 2 0
Shoemaking	—	—	—	4 15 0	0 17 0	5 12 0
Basket-making	—	—	—	3 2 1	0 7 0	3 9 1
Sewing	—	—	—	0 16 10	1 5 5	2 2 3
Cooking, washing, and cleaning	2	2	4	—	23 14 0	23 14 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	9	4	13	33 3 7	28 18 5	62 2 0

The prison contains 10 cells for male criminals and five for females, but since the last report the cells in the South wing, formerly used as a kitchen, washhouse, and stores, have been restored to their original purpose, adding six cells to the accommodation for prisoners. A new reception cell, bath-room, and airing yard have also been added, and a heating apparatus has been erected, but it was not in good working order at the time I visited the prison.

None of the cells are furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m.; they are employed 10 hours daily, as shown in the above table.

The provisions are purchased in the market as they are required; the average weekly cost is 1*s.* 11½*d.* per head.

No extra diet has been issued.

The chaplain visits each prisoner in his cell once a week, and performs Divine Service on Sunday; there is no schoolmaster.

The surgeon attends "once or twice a week, and oftener if necessary." He states: "The general health of the prisoners "is very good; there has been no epidemic during the "past year. The provisions are of good quality, quite "sufficient, and not more than sufficient. The ventilation "and drainage are satisfactory, but the heating apparatus "is out of order."

The number of punishments for prison offences has been, males 12, females 3. The officers of the prison are governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, and one male warder. The salaries amount to 177*l.* 12*s.*

BANFFSHIRE.

BANFF COUNTY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	75	18	93	9 males.
Average daily number in custody -	4	1	5	—
Re-committals - - -	5	—	5	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - - -	—	—	11	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	4	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	5

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	229	7	11
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	39	13	6

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - - - -	10	—	3	—	13
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	7	—	2	—	9
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - - -	17	—	4	—	21
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	12	—	2	—	14
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	3	—	—	—	3
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	1	—	—	—	1
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	1	—	1	—	2

The prison affords accommodation for 12 male and 6 female criminals in separate cells, there is also one room for debtors.

The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m., and go to bed at 8 p.m.; they are employed, 10 hours daily, breaking stones, picking oakum, hair, and wool, knitting, sewing, and washing; some prisoners have also been employed occasionally as tailors, shoemakers, and carpenters. The profit arising from the prisoners labour amounted to 21*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*

All convicted prisoners sleep on a guard-bed for the first month of their sentence.

The provisions are supplied by contract.

Average weekly cost of the food 3*s.* 1*d.* per head.

No extra diet has been issued.

The schoolmaster acts as chaplain. He states: "The late "teacher and acting chaplain died on the 19th July last. "On Sunday I attend from 2.30 to 4 p.m. I also attend "twice during the week, and am occupied two hours on "each day. All prisoners committed for three months and "upwards receive secular instruction, those sentenced for "shorter periods are instructed when they desire it. Every "prisoner is offered the privilege of being visited by a "minister of his own religious denomination."

The surgeon attends twice a week, and oftener when required. He states: "The general health has been good "during the year; the provisions are of good quality and "sufficient; the warming, ventilation, and drainage are perfectly satisfactory."

No alteration has been made in the buildings or in the discipline of the gaol since the last report.

The officers of the prison are,—governor, surgeon, schoolmaster, and matron; the salaries amount to 118*l.* 8*s.*

KEITH PRISON.

This prison contains two cells, which are licensed for the confinement of prisoners for periods not exceeding 10 days.

Six prisoners have been received during the year; the greatest number in confinement at one time has been three. One of the prisoners received had been six times before in the gaol, and several times in the county prison at Banff; the others were all committed for examination, and were only one day in the prison.

The prison is in good order; there has been no alteration since the last report.

Total expenditure for the year 15*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.*

BERWICKSHIRE.

GREENLAW PRISON.

—	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Committed in the year - -	71	6	77	4
Average daily number in custody -	3	—	3	1
Re-committals - - - - -	72	6	78	1
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	10	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	3	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	2

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	188	8	6
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	60	14	2¼

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - -	3	—	1	—	4
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	8	—	—	—	8
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - - -	34	—	3	—	37
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	9	—	1	—	10
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	1	—	—	—	1
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	1	—	—	—	1

The prison affords cell accommodation for 15 male and 3 female criminals, and 3 civil prisoners.

The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m., and go to bed at 8 p.m. They are employed 10 hours a day picking oakum, and sleep on a guard bed for the first month after they are sentenced.

The provisions are supplied by contract, and are generally sufficient. Five prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 81 days.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday and Wednesday, he also visits the prisoners in their cells. The schoolmaster attends five evenings in the week, and discharges his duties satisfactorily.

Prisoners of a religious persuasion differing from that of the Established Church are visited by a minister of their own denomination when they desire it.

The surgeon attends twice a week and at other times if required, and sees each prisoner on admission. He states: "The general health has been fair during the past year. "The warming, ventilation, and drainage are satisfactory."

The number of punishments for prison offences has been 14.

The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, and schoolmaster; their salaries amount to 127*l.* 12*s.*

The sum of 40*l.* is also paid as superannuation allowance to the late governor and matron.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE.

ALLOA PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	80	64	144	4
Average daily number in custody -	5	3	8	1
Re-committals - - -	26	41	67	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	9	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	12	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	2

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	340	11	9
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners earnings - - - - -	39	19	$1\frac{9}{12}$

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	14	5	22	—	41
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	14	—	11	—	25
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	14	1	12	—	27
„ 1 month „ 2 „	10	—	9	—	19
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	1	—	1	—	2
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	1	—	—	—	1
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	1	—	—	—	1
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Note.—Besides the above, three boys were sentenced to be whipped, one to four stripes, and the other two to six stripes each.

The prison affords cell accommodation for 14 male and 6 female criminals, and 2 civil prisoners. The cells are lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but are not furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison, as required in the Prison Regulations for Scotland, rule 70. The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m. They are employed ten hours daily, picking oakum, hair and wool, making nets, sewing, and knitting. Some prisoners are occasionally employed mending the clothes and shoes, and in work about the prison. The profit arising from the prisoners' labour amounted to 10*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.*

Prisoners sleep on a guard bed for the first month after their conviction, unless they are exempted by the surgeon.

The provisions are supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food 2*s.* $5\frac{3}{4}$*d.* per head. Four prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 55 days.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday, and visits each prisoner separately once a week.

The females receive instruction from the matron.

The surgeon attends twice a week, and oftener when required. The health of the prisoners generally has been good. The provisions are good in quality, and sufficient; the warming, ventilation, and drainage are satisfactory. One prisoner committed on the 11th August as a dangerous lunatic was removed to an asylum on the 24th of the same month. Number of punishments for prison offences, five.

The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, schoolmaster, and one warder; their united salaries amount to 180*l.*

DUMBARTONSHIRE.

DUMBARTON PRISON.

—	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year	208	61	269	7
Average daily number in custody	10	5	15	—
Re-committals	47	16	63	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	—	—	21	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	—	9	—
Greatest number of Debtors at any one time	—	—	—	2

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	362	9	8
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	22	1	7

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	39	5	12	—	56
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	55	8	13	1	77
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	18	6	15	—	39
„ 1 month „ 2 „	18	2	7	—	27
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	4	—	—	—	4
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	2	1	1	—	4
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	2	—	3	—	5
„ 1 year „ 2 „	2	—	—	—	2

The prison affords cell accommodation for 20 male and 9 female criminals, and 2 debtors. The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but they are not furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m., and go to bed at 8 p.m. in winter, and at 9 in summer. They are employed, from seven to ten hours daily, mat-making, picking oakum, and

sewing, and knitting. The profit on work done by them during the year amounted to 31*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*

The provisions are supplied by contract, they are of good quality.

Average weekly cost of the food 2*s.* 3*d.* per head.

Seven prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 31 days.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday, and visits every prisoner at least once a week; there is no schoolmaster. A new supply of books is much required.

The surgeon attends twice a week. He states: "The "prisoners generally are healthy. I consider the provisions "are of good quality, and the general dietary sufficient, and "not more than sufficient; the clothing and bedding are "sufficient; the warming, ventilation, and drainage "satisfactory." One prisoner was removed to a lunatic asylum, and three others who had been committed to the prison as being of unsound mind were discharged cured.

There has been no alteration in the buildings or in the discipline of the prison since the last report.

The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, and one male warder; their united salaries amount to 221*l.* 12*s.*

DUMFRIESSHIRE.

DUMFRIES PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	314	114	428	—
Average daily number in custody -	15	4	19	17
Re-committals - - -	60	31	91	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	24	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	9	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - -	—	—	—	4

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	523	6	8
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	19	6	3¼

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	123	1	61	—	373
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	55	4	25	1	
„ 14 days „ 1 month	43	4	15	1	
„ 1 month „ 2 „	25	—	4	—	
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	10	—	1	—	
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	6	—	—	—	
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	2	1	—	—	

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cooking, washing, mending, cleaning, making shoes, socks, and clothing, &c. for prison use	12	3	15	—	82 0 0	82 0 0
Mat making, teasing hair, and bruising oats				23 8 3	—	23 8 3
Total number employed at profitable labour	12	3	15	23 8 3	82 0 0	105 8 3

Accommodation for prisoners :—

Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells	31	14	45
Punishment cells	1	1	2
Reception cells	1	1	2

Debtors.

Sleeping cells	1	1	2

The cells are lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but are not provided with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison, as required in the regulations for prisoners in Scotland, Rule 70.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m.; they are employed, mat-making, teasing hair, bruising oats, and making and mending the prison clothes.

All convicted prisoners sleep on a guard-bed for the first month after their conviction.

The provisions are supplied by contract.

Average weekly cost of the food 1*s.* 9½*d.* per head.

No extra diet has been issued.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday, and is occupied about seven hours every week giving secular instruction to the prisoners. The surgeon attends twice a week, and oftener when required. He states: "The general "health is always good; the provisions are of good quality, "and the diet sufficient and not more than sufficient; the "warming, ventilation, and drainage satisfactory."

No alteration has been made in the building or in the discipline of the prison since the last report.

The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, and three male warders; their united salaries amount to 299*l.* 8*s.*

I called the attention of the Governor to the dirty and apparently neglected state of the wards and cells occupied by the male prisoners, and would recommend that the warders be provided with uniform, as is the practice in other circuit prisons, and that they be required to keep themselves and the wards and cells clean and neat at all times.

The wards occupied by the female prisoners are clean, and in good order.

EDINBURGHSHIRE.

EDINBURGH PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year	2,387	2,921	5,308	57
Average daily number in custody	167	195	362	9
Re-committals	373	1,280	1,653	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	—	—	221	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	—	270	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	17

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	6,323	8	4
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	14	18	10½

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	407	21	521	2	951
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	373	90	489	14	966
„ 14 days „ 1 month	816	74	1,397	12	2,299
„ 1 month „ 2 „	308	28	303	1	645
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	11	—	33	1	45
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	46	7	21	—	74
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	26	8	28	—	62
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	20	3	12	—	35
Penal servitude of every duration	16	2	12	—	30

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, with the Earnings of those employed.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Total.
	M.	F.	Total.	£ s. d.
Mat making	15	—	15	
Net making	1	—	1	
Shoemaking	4	—	4	
Tailoring	3	—	3	
Sewing	—	30	30	
Knitting	—	18	18	
Cooking and washing, &c.	13	28	41	915 15 6
Joiner work	1	—	1	
Smith work	2	—	2	
Stone breaking	7	—	7	
Teasing oakum	67	35	102	
„ hair	—	28	28	
Miscellaneous	11	24	35	
Total number employed at profitable labour	124	163	287	915 15 6

Accommodation for prisoners :—

Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells	225	190	415
Punishment cells	4	2	6
Reception cells	1	1	2

Debtors.

Sleeping cells or rooms	14	3	17
Day rooms	2	—	2

The cells are lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but only 102 of them are furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison as required by the Prison Regulations, Rule 70.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m., and are employed as shown in the above table; when associated, they are under the general supervision of an officer, but this supervision is not sufficient to prevent them from communicating with each other.

All convicted prisoners are required to sleep on a guard-bed for the first month unless exempted by the surgeon.

The provisions are supplied by contract, and are of good quality. The average weekly cost of the food is 1*s.* 7*d.* per head.

One hundred and thirty-two prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 5,462 days.

The chaplain performs three full services on Sunday and reads prayers to the prisoners on the other days of the week. He visits prisoners in their cells frequently, and the sick in hospital daily. The schoolmaster and schoolmistress are occupied, the former six and the latter five hours daily, giving instruction to the prisoners; there is also a missionary teacher who visits the prison daily. These officers discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the chaplain.

Prisoners of a religious persuasion differing from that of the Established Church are informed, by the rules posted in each cell, that they may be visited by a minister of their own denomination if they desire it.

The surgeon states: "I attend the prison every day and "visit all who are complaining, and inspect all the prisoners "twice a week; the general health of the prisoners has been "very good, and no epidemic has taken place during the "year. The provisions are of good quality, and the general "dietary sufficient in ordinary cases, and not more than "sufficient, for those employed in hard labour; the clothing "and bedding are sufficient; the warming and drainage "satisfactory." One prisoner who was insane when admitted was removed to the lunatic department of the general prison, at Perth, and another who was also insane when admitted, was given into the charge of the Parochial Board on the expiration of his sentence.

Number of punishments for prison offences,—males 234, females 110.

No alteration has been made in the buildings or in the discipline of the prison since the last report. The building occupied by the females remains in the same unsatisfactory condition owing to the defective construction of that part of the prison.

The staff of the prison comprises a governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, schoolmaster, schoolmistress, missionary teacher, head warder, 2 clerks, 15 male and 11 female

warders, and 3 night watchmen; their united salaries amount to 2,673*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*

The superannuation allowance to retired officers amounts to 218*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

ELGINSHIRE.

ELGIN PRISON.

	Criminals.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	94	30	124	16
Average daily number in custody -	7	2	9	2
Re-committals - - -	15	4	19	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - - -	—	—	13	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	6	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - -	—	—	—	4

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	366	19	2½
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	32	6	10

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - - -	2	1	3	2	8
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	12	—	2	—	14
„ 14 „ „ 1 month - - -	17	10	12	2	41
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - -	25	—	5	—	33
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	6	—	—	—	6
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - -	1	—	—	—	1
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	3	2	1	—	6
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „ - - -	6	—	1	—	7

The prison contains accommodation for seven male and three female criminals, and two debtors. The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated, and fitted as required by the rules.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m., and go to bed at 8 p.m., except on Sunday, when they rise an hour later and go to bed an hour earlier. They are employed ten hours daily, teasing hair and oakum, at the crank, sewing, knitting, and in the prison services. The profit arising from their labour amounted to 24*l.* 7*s.* 7½*d.*

Prisoners are required to sleep on a guard bed for the first month after conviction.

The provisions are supplied principally by contract. The average weekly cost is 2*s.* 4¾*d.* per head.

Three prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 98 days.

The chaplain was seriously ill, and I did not see him when I visited the prison.

The surgeon attends twice a week and oftener when required. He states: "The general health of the prisoners "is good, the provisions are of good quality and sufficient "to maintain good health and strength, the warming and "ventilation is now satisfactory, and the drainage in good "working order."

Eight cells for criminals and a day-room for civil prisoners, an office for the governor, store room, bath room, and other offices have recently been added to this prison, but as the cells were not legalized at the close of the year they are not included in the accommodation shown above.

The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, and one male warder; their salaries amount to 171*l.*

FIFESHIRE

CUPAR PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	231	80	311	12
Average daily number in custody -	18	4	22	1
Re-committals - - -	7	2	9	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - - -	—	—	27	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	10	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - -	—	—	—	4

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	712	15	4
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	29	0	1

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - - -	30	8	13	1	52
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - -	15	3	11	1	30
„ 14 „ „ 1 month - - -	69	7	31	1	108
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - -	37	—	5	—	42
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	5	—	2	—	7
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - -	11	—	3	—	14
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	5	—	—	—	5
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „ - - -	3	—	—	—	3
Penal servitude of every duration - - -	5	—	—	—	6

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Winding yarn	3	—	3			
Teasing hair and ropes	5	—	5			
Mat making	2	—	2			
Picking oakum	5	—	5	69 1 1	26 8 0	95 9 1
Sewing and knitting	—	2	2			
Work done for the prison	2	2	4			
Total number employed at profitable labour	17	4	21	69 1 1	26 8 0	95 9 1

The prison affords accommodation for 34 male and 15 female criminals, and one civil prisoner; the cells are lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but are not furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison, as required by the Prisons Regulations, rule 70.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m., and are employed mat-making, teasing hair, picking oakum, winding, sewing, and knitting. The profit from their labour amounted to 69*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.*

The provisions are supplied partly by contract. The average weekly cost of the food is 1*s.* 10*d.* per head.

Five prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 396 days.

The offices of chaplain and teacher are here conjoined. He is occupied 19 hours a week in the discharge of his duties.

The prison is well supplied with books. About 70 volumes have been added to the library during the last two years, by grants from the County Prison Board. The chaplain expresses his regret that there is no society for helping prisoners on their discharge from prison. On admission all prisoners are asked to what religious denomination they belong, and those who do not belong to the Church of Scotland are informed that a minister of their own denomination will visit them if desired.

The surgeon attends regularly twice a week, and more frequently if necessary. He states: "The prisoners enjoy "good health, no epidemic has prevailed during the last "year; the provisions are of excellent quality, and certainly

" not more than sufficient. When necessary, prisoners are " put on extra diet, especially if on hard labour, tall and " growing." The warming, ventilation, and drainage are satisfactory.

The number of punishments for prison offences has been 12.

No alteration has been made in the building, or in the discipline of the prison, since the last report.

The officers of the prison are—governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, two male and two female warders; their united salaries amount to 419*l.* 12*s.*, and the late matron receives a pension of 22*l.*

DUNFERMLINE PRISON.

—	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Committed in the year - -	106	38	144	2
Average daily number in custody -	6	2	8	—
Re-committals - - -	5	5	10	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	13	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	5	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - - -	—	—	—	1

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	417	6	9
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	48	11	4

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	26	—	8	1	35
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - -	11	9	8	—	28
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - -	20	—	8	—	37
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	5	—	4	—	9
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	4	—	—	—	4
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - -	1	—	1	—	2
Penal servitude of every duration - - -	1	—	—	—	1

The prison has accommodation for 13 male and 7 female criminals, and 2 civil prisoners.

The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated; three only are furnished with bells. The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m., except on Sunday, when they rise at 7 a.m.; they are employed nine hours a day making mats, picking oakum, and occasionally as shoemakers and tailors; the profit arising from their labour amounted to 16*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*

All prisoners sleep on a guard bed for the first month after their conviction.

The provisions are supplied partly by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 1*s.* 10½*d.* per head. Two prisoners received extra diet for 20 days.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday, and visits each prisoner once a week; the schoolmaster attends daily. The females are instructed by the matron; the supply of books is sufficient. Ministers are admitted freely to visit prisoners of religious denominations differing from that of the established church.

The surgeon attends twice a week. He states: "The "health of the prisoners has been very good during the "last year; the provisions are of excellent quality, and "the dietary sufficient to maintain the prisoners in health "and strength." One prisoner who was found insane when brought up for trial was removed to the lunatic department of the general prison at Perth. The warming, ventilation, and drainage are satisfactory.

There has been no alteration in the buildings or in the discipline of the prison since the last report. I was sorry to find the Governor in very feeble health, unable to accompany me round the prison. The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, schoolmaster, and one male warder; the salaries amount to 234*l.* 14*s.*

FORFARSHIRE.

DUNDEE PRISON.

—	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	893	726	1,619	20
Average daily number in custody -	45	29	74	2
Re-committals - - - -	931	762	1,693	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - - -	—	—	67	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	51	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - - -	—	—	—	6

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	1,974	8	1
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	22	5	11 1/12

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	344	27	392	14	777
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	122	27	99	7	255
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - - -	118	17	110	3	248
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	50	4	23	—	77
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	19	4	5	—	28
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	2	1	1	—	4
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	10	3	5	—	18
„ 1 year „ 2 „ - - - -	5	5	4	—	14
Penal servitude of every duration - - -	8	1	8	—	17

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hackling	1	—	1	10 0 11		
Weaving	3	—	3	9 15 3		
Teasing oakum	35	9	44	161 18 1		
Sewing	—	6	6	18 18 0		
Knitting	—	4	4	5 4 9	112 4 2	—
Tailoring	1	—	1	4 13 8		
Shoemaking	—	—	—	3 4 8		
Carpenters' work	—	—	—	0 3 1		
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	0 5 9		
Oakum sold	—	—	—	6 11 2		
Total number employed at profitable labour	40	19	59	£220 15 4	112 4 2	332 19 6

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells	66	82	148
Reception cells	1	1	2

For Civil Prisoners.

Sleeping cells or rooms	6	1	7
Day room	1	—	1

The cells are lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but they are not furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate with an officer of the prison, as required by the Regulations for Prisons in Scotland, Rule 70. The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and retire to bed at 8 p.m., and are employed 10 hours a day, except on Saturday, when they are only at work five hours; the several means of employment are shown in the above table. Well conducted prisoners, towards the expiration of their sentence, are selected for employment in the prison service. All prisoners for the first month after conviction are required to sleep on a guard-bed, unless exempted by the surgeon.

The chaplain performs divine service twice on Sunday (one service in the males', the other in the females' prison),

and attends daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except on Saturday, when he leaves at 11 o'clock; he visits the prisoners in their cells, and assisted by the matron gives secular instruction to all.

The surgeon attends daily, and examines each prisoner twice a week; he also makes a more minute examination once a month. He says: "The health is good, the provisions "are of good quality, and as a general rule the dietary is "sufficient; the drainage is not very satisfactory." One prisoner has died; he was admitted on the 31st October, far gone in consumption and debility, and died on the 2d December.

Two insane prisoners were received from the police court and removed to an asylum.

The ward occupied by civil prisoners has been enlarged; there has been no other alteration since the last report.

Number of punishments for prison offences:—Males, 33; females, 24.

The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, five male and two female warders, and night watchman. The salaries amount to 742*l.* 12*s.* Pensions to retired officers 69*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*

HADDINGTONSHIRE.

HADDINGTON PRISON.

—	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	121	41	162	8
Average daily number in custody -	7	2	9	1
Re-committals - - - - -	7	6	13	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	16	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	4	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	2

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	357	5	0
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	36	2	6¾

TABLE showing the Number of Persons ssentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	29	—	11	1	41
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	21	5	19	1	46
„ 14 „ „ 1 month	36	—	6	—	42
„ 1 month „ 2 „	12	—	2	—	14
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	1	—	—	—	1
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by the Prisoners.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison.
	M.	F.	Total.		
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Picking oakum	1	—	1	4 10 0	—
Mat making	3	—	3	25 10 7	—
Hair teasing Sack sewing	1	—	1	1 18 6	—
Shirt making	—	—	—	1 4 0	3 0 0
Cooking and prison service	1	1	2	—	20 7 10
Making and repairing prison clothing	—	1	1	—	—
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	0 7 0	—
	6	2	8	33 19 1	23 7 10
Total number employed at profitable labour	65	18	83		

Accommodation for prisoners:—

Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells	12	6	18
Reception cells	2	—	2
For civil prisoners	2	—	2

The cells are lighted, warmed, and ventilated, and all except six are furnished with bells.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. (except on Sunday when they rise an hour later) and go to bed at 8 p.m. They are employed eight hours on Saturday, and 10 hours on other days, mat making, picking hair and oakum, sewing sacks, making and repairing the prison clothing, and in the prison service, as shown in the above table.

All prisoners are required to sleep on a guard bed for the first 30 days after their conviction.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday, and visits the prisoners. There is no schoolmaster. Prisoners who do not belong to the Established Church seldom avail themselves of the privilege which is offered to them of seeing a minister of their own denomination.

The surgeon attends twice a week, and in case of sickness as often as may be required. The provisions are of good quality, and sufficient. The warming and ventilation satisfactory, but the drainage might be improved.

Since the last report bells have been fitted to 12 cells; there has been no other alteration, and the rules have been fully observed. The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, and one male warder. The salaries amount to 186*l.*, including a pension of 10*l.* to the late matron.

INVERNESS-SHIRE.

INVERNESS PRISON.

	Criminals.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	117	36	153	9
Average daily number in custody -	9	5	14	—
Re-committals - - - - -	13	7	20	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	13	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	11	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	3

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	636	16	11½
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	34	0	8¾

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	7	4	8	—	19
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	30	10	9	—	49
„ 14 „ „ 1 month	22	2	9	—	33
„ 1 month „ 2 „	20	6	12	—	38
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	2	1	2	—	5
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	2	—	1	—	3
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	2	—	2	—	4
„ 1 year „ 2 „	4	—	—	—	4
Penal servitude of every duration	3	—	1	—	4

The prison affords accommodation for 19 male and 10 female criminals, and two civil prisoners. The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated, and furnished with bells.

The prisoners rise at a quarter before 6 a.m., and go to bed at 8 p.m. They are employed 10 hours a day, weaving, winding, mat making, picking oakum, making sheep nets, joiners' work, sewing and knitting, and occasionally as tailors and shoemakers. The profit arising from their labour amounted to 123*l.* 4*s.* 4½*d.*

All prisoners sleep on a guard bed for the first 30 days after their conviction.

The provisions are supplied principally by contract; average weekly cost 2*s.* 4*d.* per head. Three prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 26 days.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday, and visits each prisoner at least once a week; he also exercises a general superintendence over the school. The schoolmaster attends two hours a day for six days in each week, and discharges his duty in a satisfactory manner. The matron teaches the female prisoners, and is well qualified to do so.

The supply of books is scanty, and many of those in use are much worn.

Prisoners of a religious persuasion differing from that of the Established Church are visited by a minister of their own denomination when they desire it.

The surgeon attends at least twice a week, and in case of illness as often as the case requires. The health of the prisoners generally is good. The provisions are of good quality, and the dietary sufficient; but it has occasionally been found necessary to place some prisoners on a higher scale of diet. The clothing is sufficient and in good order. The warming, ventilation, and drainage satisfactory. One prisoner committed for trial died seven days after his admission, and three who were of unsound mind when admitted were removed to an asylum.

The number of punishments for prison offences has been 12.

No alteration has been made since the last report.

The officers of the prison are, governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, teacher, three male and one female warders. The salaries amount to 420*l.* 12*s.*

LOCHMADDY PRISON.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year -	10	—	10

There were no prisoners in confinement on the day of inspection.

Greatest number in confinement at any one time, 3.

There has been one case of serious illness; the prisoner's sentence expired during his illness, and he was removed by the inspector of poor, and sent to his friends.

The prisoners are employed picking oakum and in the service of the prison. The profit arising from their labour amounted to 4*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* Total expenditure for the prison, 117*l.* 11*s.* 7½*d.* Daily cost of the diet 3¼*d.* per head.

This prison was legalized in 1848 for the confinement of convicted prisoners for periods not exceeding 60 days.

KINCARDINESHIRE.

STONEHAVEN PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Committed in the year	90	25	115	2
Average daily number in custody	5	2	7	1
Re-committals	1	4	5	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	—	—	10	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	—	4	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	1

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	250	10	11
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings	30	12	11

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	5	—	1	—	6
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	13	2	2	2	19
„ 14 days „ 1 month	19	—	11	—	30
„ 1 month „ 2 „	13	—	2	—	15
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	1	—	—	—	1
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	1	—	2	—	3
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	5	—	—	—	5
„ 1 year „ 2 „	—	—	1	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, with their Earnings.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Teasing Oakum - -	3	1	4	8 14 1	9 1 0	
Hair and Wool - -				0 12 6		
Shoemaking - - -	1	—	1	0 9 0		
Tailoring - - -				0 2 0		
Sheep Nets - -	1	—	1	1 4 10		
Mat making - - -				0 6 10		
Sewing and Knitting -	—	1	1	1 4 6		
Cooking, washing, and mending - - -				—		—
Total number employed at profitable labour - -	5	2	7	£12 13 9	9 1 0	21 14 9

The prison affords accommodation for ten male and three female criminals and three civil prisoners. The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but two only are furnished with bells or other means of communicating with an officer.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m., and are employed as shown in the above table.

Convicted prisoners sleep on a guard bed for the first month.

The provisions are supplied principally by contract; average weekly cost of the food, 1*s.* 9½*d.* per head. One prisoner received extra diet for 15 days.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday and visits each prisoner once a week. The prisoners receive secular instruction from the governor and matron.

The surgeon attends regularly twice a week, and oftener when required. There has been no death. One prisoner, who was insane when admitted, was removed to a lunatic asylum on the following day. The provisions are of good quality and sufficient. The warming and ventilation are satisfactory.

Number of punishments for prison offences, 11.

There has been no alteration in the buildings, or in the discipline of the prison, since the last report. No regular warder has been appointed, but a man, 67 years of age, attends occasionally to give assistance when required. The salary of the governor is only 50*l.* with an allowance of 10*l.* per annum as schoolmaster; the matron also receives 5*l.* 5*s.* for teaching the female prisoners, and 10*l.* for cooking and washing.

KINROSS-SHIRE.

KINROSS PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	28	3	31	2
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	3	—	3	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	1	1	—

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	100	2	7

The prison affords accommodation for four male and two female criminals and two debtors. The cells are lighted, warmed, and ventilated. The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m.; they are employed throughout the day weaving, picking oakum, and in the prison service. No prisoner has been sentenced to hard labour for many years.

The provisions and stores are purchased as required. Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s.* 11*d.* per head.

The chaplain observes: "The prisoners are so few that "very little duty is required either from the chaplain or "schoolmaster." He attends when there are any prisoners in confinement.

The surgeon also attends, as required by the rules. The prisoners generally are healthy; no death has occurred. The provisions are of good quality and generally sufficient. The ventilation and drainage are satisfactory.

No alterations have been made since the last report. The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, surgeon, and matron; their united salaries amount to 72*l.*

LANARKSHIRE.

AIRDRIE PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	856	252	1,108	14
Average daily number in custody -	32	11	43	2
Re-committals - - - - -	304	132	436	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	61	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	20	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	4

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	807	3	6
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	16	7	2¼

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - -	140	10	52	2	204
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	158	16	54	4	232
„ 14 days „ 1 month - -	254	19	81	8	362
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	45	6	14	—	65
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - -	1	—	1	—	2
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	4	—	2	—	6
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	2	—	—	—	2

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by the Prisoners.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Teasing oakum and hair -	15	4	19	31 3 10½	—	31 3 10½
Stonebreaking - -	2	—	2	6 2 4	—	6 2 4
Shoemaking and tailoring -	1	—	1	3 1 9½	13 2 0	16 3 9½
Cooking - - - -	—	1	1	—	9 2 6	9 2 6
Washing - - -	—	2	2	—	15 13 0	15 13 0
Sewing and Knitting -	—	2	2	4 0 9	3 3 4	7 4 1
Prison service - - -	2	1	3	—	18 5 0	18 5 0
Number employed at profitable labour - -	20	10	30	£44 8 9	59 5 10	103 14 7

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells - - -	31	11	42
Punishment cell - - -	1	—	1
Reception cell - - -	—	—	1

For Debtors.

Sleeping cells - - - -	3	—	3
Day-room - - - -	1	—	1

The cells are lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but they are not furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate with an officer of the prison as required by the Regulations, Rule 70.

The criminals rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m., except on Sunday, when they rise an hour later and go to bed an hour earlier; they are employed ten hours a day, as shown in the above table. Convicted prisoners sleep on a guard bed for the first month after conviction.

When in association prisoners are visited more frequently by the officers, but they are not under constant supervision.

The provisions are supplied by contract; they are of good quality.

Average weekly cost of the food 1*s.* 6*d.* per head.

Six prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 216 days.

Prisoners whose sentences do not exceed two months are selected for employment in the prison services.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday and is engaged twice a week, from two to three hours each day, visiting and giving secular instruction to the prisoners. The supply of books for the use of the prisoners is sufficient.

Prisoners of a religious persuasion differing from that of the Established Church are visited by a minister of their own denomination when they desire it.

The surgeon attends regularly twice a week, and often daily. The health of the prisoners has been good. He states: "The diet, clothing, warming, ventilation, and drainage are in all respects satisfactory." There has been no death or removal on medical grounds.

Since the last report an old store room has been converted into a punishment cell, and three new store rooms have been built; there has been no other alteration.

The number of punishments for prison offences has been eight.

The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, and surgeon, matron, two male and one female warders. The salaries amount to 337*l.* 16*s.*

GLASGOW PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	3,798	2,990	6,788	141
Average daily number in custody -	285	220	505	16
Re-committals - - -	1,745	1,372	3,117	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - - -	—	—	358	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	277	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - -	—	—	—	26

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	10,100	4	2
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	17	6	4

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	67	3	15	—	85
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	605	12	620	5	1,242
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	1,139	83	1,012	12	2,246
„ 1 month „ 2 „	924	30	804	27	1,785
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	516	3	293	—	812
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	41	—	15	—	56
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	56	—	22	—	78
„ 1 year „ „ 2 „	1	—	2	—	3
Penal servitude of every duration	56	—	39	—	95

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those employed.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Weaving and winding	2	—	2			
Shoemaking	6	—	6			
Tailoring, sewing, and mending	1	104	105			
Carpentry, &c.	2	—	2			
Smiths' work, &c.	3	—	3			
Cooking, baking, and washing	10	10	20			
Teazing oakum and picking cotton	118	30	148			
Mat making	1	—	1			
Miscellaneous	44	35	79			
Total number employed at profitable labour	187	179	366	£417 5 3	598 17 11	1,016 3 2

Accommodation for prisoners:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
For Criminals.			
Ordinary cells	341	173	514
Punishment cells	2	2	4
Reception cells	2	2	4
For Debtors.			
Sleeping cells or rooms	34	3	37
Day rooms	5	—	5

Many of the cells are very small, and the ventilation is defective; they are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but are not furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate with an officer of the prison, as directed in the Regulations.

The number of prisoners is frequently in excess of the number of cells. Many prisoners, therefore, are necessarily associated by night as well as by day, without any supervision beyond that afforded by the occasional visit of an officer. The attention of the County Prison Board has been directed to the subject, and I understand there is a desire on their part to enlarge and improve the prison; it is very desirable this should be done at once, and that the unrestricted association of prisoners in small and badly ventilated cells should be discontinued.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m.; they are employed ten hours a day, as shown in the above table. Guard beds are in use for prisoners during the first month after conviction. Of 6,788 prisoners committed to the prison during the year only 142 were sentenced to hard labour.

The provisions and stores are supplied principally by contract; the average weekly cost of the food is 1*s.* 11½*d.* per head.

Seventy-four prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 1,430 days.

Prisoners sentenced for short periods who have been well conducted in prison are selected for employment in the prison service.

The chaplain performs two and frequently three services on Sunday, and is engaged about five hours daily (Saturday excepted) visiting the prisoners; the teachers are occupied two hours on Saturday and Sunday, and six hours the other five days of the week giving instruction to the prisoners. The chaplain says, "they are well qualified for their duties, and give satisfaction." There is an institution at Glasgow called "The House of Shelter for Females," which has afforded assistance to some of the female prisoners on their discharge. The institution is managed by a committee. In their last report they state, "the committee have great "pleasure in being able to testify that most of those who "left satisfactorily are going on steadily, their deportment "consistent, and their gratitude to the Shelter unbounded." Prisoners of a religious persuasion differing from that of the Established Church are reminded, by a card which is posted in each cell, that they may be visited by a minister of their own denomination if they desire it.

The surgeon examines the prisoners daily. He states: "The general health of the prisoners has been good; the "provisions are of good quality and sufficient; the bedding "and clothing are also sufficient; the warming, ventilating, "and drainage arrangements, on the whole, are satisfactory. "Owing to the want of accommodation, however, some "cells require to be used in which the ventilation is im- "perfect, but I have never known the health of the prisoners "to suffer in consequence."

Five prisoners have died during the year; three have been pardoned on medical grounds; and one, who was insane when admitted, has been removed to a lunatic asylum.

The number of punishments for prison offences has been—males 153, females 35=188.

The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, surgeon, assistant chaplain, matron, head warder, two clerks, two schoolmasters, three schoolmistresses, twenty male warders, twelve female warders, clerk of the works, receiving officer, and assistant storekeeper, overseer, three gate porters, five night watchmen, smith, carpenter, and gas fitter. The salaries amount to 2,774*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.*

HAMILTON PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	540	66	606	16
Average daily number in custody -	23	5	28	1
Re-committals - - -	123	34	157	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	46	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	13	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - -	—	—	—	3

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	669	16	0½
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	22	6	9¾

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	119	3	12	—	134
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	150	3	24	1	178
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month	157	6	14	—	177
„ 1 month „ 2 „	30	1	10	—	41
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	1	—	1	—	2
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	1	—	—	—	1
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	1	—	2	—	3

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those employed.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Oakum teasing	12	—	12	25 16 11	—	—
Mat-making	2	—	2	6 8 5	—	—
Stone breaking	2	—	2	9 10 4	—	—
Tambouring, &c.	—	1	1	2 10 2	—	44 5 10
Cooking	—	1	1	—	9 2 6	—
Washing	—	1	1	—	7 3 6	—
Miscellaneous	3	1	4	—	20 17 4	37 3 4
Daily average number employed at profitable labour	19	4	23	44 5 10	37 3 4	81 9 2

The prison affords accommodation for 24 male and 5 female criminals, and 5 debtors. The cells are lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but are not furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at ½ to 8 p.m. They are employed 10 hours a day, as shown in the above table.

Convicted prisoners sleep on a guard bed the first month of their imprisonment.

The provisions are supplied by contract, and are of good quality; average weekly cost 1*s.* 8*d.* per head.

Six prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 126 days.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday, and attends for two hours twice a week to give religious and secular instruction to the prisoners. There is no schoolmaster. Prisoners of all denominations are visited by a minister of their own religious persuasion if they desire it, but they seldom make a request to that effect.

The surgeon attends twice a week, and daily when necessary. He states: "The health of the prisoners has been "generally good. The provisions are of good quality, and "the dietary sufficient. The warming, ventilation, and "drainage are all satisfactory."

Number of punishments for prison offences 28.

There has been no alteration in the building or in the discipline of the prison since the last report.

The officers of the prison are, governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, and two male warders; the salaries amount to 315*l.* The sum of 30*l.* is also paid in pensions to retired officers.

LANARK PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	126	25	151	4
Average daily number in custody -	6	3	9	—
Re-committals - - -	39	12	51	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	13	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	6	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - -	—	—	—	5

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison - - - - -	340	7	1½
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	33	12	2

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - -	14	10	5	1	30
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	28	2	8	—	38
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - - -	35	—	4	1	40
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	12	—	1	—	13
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	1	—	1	1	3
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	—	—	4	—	4
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	2	—	—	—	2

The prison affords accommodation for 18 male and 4 female criminals, and 5 debtors. The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated; but, they are not furnished with bells, or other means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison, as required by the Prison Regulations.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m., and are employed 10 hours a day, principally weaving, picking oakum, and in the service of the prison. The profit on work done by the prisoners amounted to 18*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*

The provisions are supplied by contract; they are of good quality. The average weekly cost of the food is 1*s.* 10¼*d.* per head.

No extra diet has been issued.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday, and visits each prisoner at least once a week. There is no schoolmaster. Prisoners of a religious persuasion differing from that of the Established Church are, invariably, offered the privilege of being visited by a minister of their own denomination. The surgeon attends, and examines the prisoners twice a week, and oftener when required. He states, "The health of the "prisoners has been good; the dietary is of good quality, "and sufficient in quantity; the clothing is sufficient; the "warming, ventilation, and drainage satisfactory." No death or removal on medical grounds occurred during the year.

There has been no alteration in the building or in the discipline of the prison since the last report.

The officers of the prison are, governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, and one warder. The salaries amount to 211*l.* 16*s.*

LINLITHGOWSHIRE.

LINLITHGOW PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	224	32	256	5
Average daily number in custody -	16	3	19	1
Re-committals - - - - -	5	1	6	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	30	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	6	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	1

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison - - - - -	488	6	11
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	19	10	$0\frac{6}{12}$

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - - -	40	1	4	—	45
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	56	5	6	—	67
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - - -	26	6	5	—	37
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	23	—	7	—	30
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	3	—	—	—	3
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - - -	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cooking, cleaning, washing, mending, &c.	1	2	3	—	19 14 2	19 14 2
Picking oakum	7	—	7	15 19 1	—	15 19 1
Mat making	1	—	1	4 0 10	—	4 0 10
Shoemaking	—	—	—	4 0 1	—	4 0 1
Tailoring, sewing, and miscellaneous employments	1	1	2	6 1 8	—	6 1 8
Total number employed at profitable labour	10	3	13	30 1 8	19 14 2	49 15 10

The prison affords accommodation for 15 male and 10 female criminals, and two debtors. The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated; but five only (in the females prison) are furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate with an officer of the prison.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m.; they are employed 11 hours a day, as shown in the above table.

Guard beds are in use for prisoners for the first month after conviction.

The regulation dietaries are in use, except that potatoes are issued twice a week during the season in lieu of porridge for supper. The bread alone is supplied by contract, the other provisions are purchased at the market price. Average weekly cost of the food 1*s.* 9*d.* per head. Eight prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 394 days.

The duties of chaplain and schoolmaster are combined; he is engaged six hours in the week visiting and teaching the prisoners, and performs divine service on Sundays, when the male prisoners alone attend, but there is another service in the week for the benefit of the female prisoners.

The privilege of being visited by a minister of their own religious denomination is granted to prisoners when they desire it.

The surgeon visits the prisoners twice a week. He states: "The health of the prisoners is perfectly good; there has "been no epidemic, neither has there been a single case of "serious illness during the past year; the dietary appears

" sufficient in every respect; the ventilation is satisfactory, " and the warmth is fairly kept up. Some of the men who " had been accustomed to an active life outside complain of " cold, but no disease has resulted."

Number of punishments for prison offences, 12.

There has been no alteration in the building or in the discipline of the prison since the last report.

Officers of the prison,—governor, chaplain, and teacher, surgeon, matron, and one male warder; the salaries amount to 217*l.* 16*s.*

PERTHSHIRE.

PERTH PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Committed in the year	274	164	438	16	2	18
Average daily number in custody	21	11	32	—	—	2
Re-committals	132	97	229	—	—	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	—	—	33	—	—	
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	—	22	—	—	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	4	1	5

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	844	7	8½
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners earnings	23	11	1½

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	5	—	1	—	6
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	42	4	47	3	96
„ 14 days „ 1 month	129	2	79	1	211
„ 1 month „ 2 „	20	2	18	—	40
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	4	—	—	—	4
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	7	—	1	—	8
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	3	—	1	—	4
Penal servitude of every duration	8	—	—	—	8
Sentenced to be executed in Perth	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Net knitting	8	—	8	27 3 2	—	27 3 2
Hair teasing	4	—	4	11 0 0	—	11 0 0
Rope and oakum teasing	4	—	4	7 16 8	—	7 16 8
Tailor work	1	—	1	0 11 3	9 12 6	10 3 9
Shoemaking and repairing	1	—	1	—	6 5 0	6 5 0
Whitewashing, cleaning, and colouring all the prison	2	—	2	—	4 5 0	4 5 0
Menial work	1	1	2	—	12 3 0	12 3 0
Female,—sewing and knitting	—	6	6	19 18 3	7 1 10	27 0 1
Cooking for the whole prison	—	2	2	—	12 12 0	12 12 0
Washing for the whole prison	—	2	2	—	12 5 0	12 5 0
Total number employed at profitable labour	21	11	32	66 9 4	64 4 4	130 13 8

The prison affords accommodation for 30 male and 17 female criminals, and 2 debtors. The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but they are not furnished with "the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any "time with an officer of the prison."

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m.; they are employed 10 hours a day as shown in the above table, and when associated they are under no supervision. There are six hard labour machines in the prison, but they are little used.

All convicted prisoners sleep on a guard-bed for the first month after trial.

The provisions are of good quality, supplied by contract. Average weekly cost of the food, 1*s.* 8½*d.* per head.

No extra diet has been issued during the year.

The chaplain performs divine service in each division on Sunday, and visits the prisoners at least once a week, he is also engaged daily giving them instruction; the females are instructed by the matron. Prisoners, who desire it, are visited by a minister of their own religious denomination.

The surgeon states: "I visit and examine each prisoner "twice a week, and otherwise as often as sickness demands. "The general health of the prisoners during the past year

" has been good, and no disease of an epidemic character " has occurred; the dietary appears good and ample without " being in profusion; the clothing and bedding are satis- " factory, and the ventilation, warming, and drainage are " as efficient as the building admits." Three prisoners who were insane when admitted were removed to a lunatic asylum.

Number of punishments for prison offences,—males 13, females 5.

There have been no alterations in the building or in the discipline of the prison since the last report.

The officers of the prison are: governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, clerk, and gatekeeper, three male and one female warders; the salaries amount to 579*l.* 4*s.*

RENFREWSHIRE.

GREENOCK PRISON.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Prisoners committed in the year	579	628	1,207
Average daily number in custody	19	19	38
Re-committals - - -	250	480	730
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	36	—	36
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	42

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison - - - -	654	16	9
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners earnings - - - - -	16	1	5

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentence.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - -	79	17	69	1	166
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	96	23	221	1	341
„ 14 days „ 20 „ - - -	177	17	139	1	334

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, and the Earnings of those engaged in each Employment.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Oakum picking	13	3	16	19 9 9	—	19 9 9
Mat making				1 4 5		1 4 5
Shoemaking	—	—	—	1 19 2	—	1 19 2
Sewing	—	6	6	11 12 11	—	11 12 11
Knitting				0 10 0		0 10 0
Sack making	—	4	4	9 6 11	—	9 6 11
Cooking, washing, making and mending clothes, cleaning, &c.	3	3	6	—	27 11 7	27 11 7
Total Number employed at profitable labour	16	16	32	44 3 2	27 11 7	71 14 9

The prison is licensed for the confinement of prisoners sentenced for periods not exceeding 20 days. The cells are small and badly ventilated, and the females' prison especially has been much crowded; the daily average number of female prisoners being 19, while there are only 10 cells for their accommodation, and it appears by the returns that there were at one time as many as 42 female prisoners in confinement. The new prison has made no progress, and it must be a long time before it can be fit to be occupied. I would, therefore, repeat the recommendation made in my last report, that under no circumstances should more than one prisoner be confined in each cell in the old gaol.

The prisoners rise at ¼ before 6 and go to bed at ¼ to 8, except on Sunday, when they rise an hour later; they are employed 10 hours a day, as shown in the above table. None of the prisoners have been sentenced to hard labour.

The provisions, with the exception of milk, are all supplied by contract.

Average weekly cost of the food, 1*s.* 5½*d.* per head.

No extra diet has been issued.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday, and visits each prisoner in his cell once a week. The governor and matron give secular instruction to the prisoners during the short time they remain here.

The surgeon sees all the prisoners twice a week, and in case of sickness daily if required. He states: "The general

" health has been good; the prison diet is excellent, and " quite sufficient; the clothing and bedding are good; the " ventilation exceedingly bad." The number of sick during the year has been 10.

Number of punishments for prison offences, 17.

Officers of the prison: governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, two male and one female warders, one watchman; the salaries amount to 301*l.* 16*s.*

PAISLEY PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	699	460	1,159	37
Average daily number in custody -	55	50	105	2
Re-committals - - -	252	276	528	1
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - -	—	—	88	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	70	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	6

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	1,703	9	3
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	13	19	7

Accommodation for prisoners:—

For Criminals.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Ordinary cells - - -	89	53	142
Punishment cells - - -	1	1	2
Reception cells - - -	2	2	4

For Debtors.

Rooms or cells - - -	2	1	3

The cells are lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but they are not furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison, as

directed in the Prison Regulations. The prisoners rise at 5·30, and go to bed at 8 p.m., except on Sunday, when they rise an hour later and go to bed an hour earlier. They are employed 10 hours a day, mat-making, tailoring, shoemaking, teasing oakum, hair and cotton net making, sewing, and knitting.

The profit arising from the prisoners labour amounted to 104*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*

The provisions and stores are supplied by contract. Weekly cost of the food, 1*s.* 6¾*d.* per head.

The chaplain is also teacher; he spends four hours daily in the prison, visiting and instructing the male prisoners. The females he visits once a week; they receive secular instruction from the matron. The prison is well supplied with books.

The surgeon attends twice a week, and visits daily when required. He states: "The health of the prisoners, "generally, has been good. The provisions are of good "quality. During ordinary weather the clothing and bedding "are sufficient, and the warming satisfactory; but when "the temperature outside falls very low it is necessary "to give a little extra clothing and bedding. In the "females' department of the prison the ventilation and "heating is not perfect, arising from faulty construction. "The drainage is good, but not perfect; there are two "large cesspools which should be removed. The drains "have been ventilated into the ventilating shaft in the roof "of the prison." Two prisoners have died, and one who was committed for five days for an assault was removed to a lunatic asylum on the expiration of his sentence; he was insane when admitted.

Number of punishments for prison offences, 30.

Officers of the prison, — governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, clerk, four male and two female warders, and one night watchman.

The salaries amount to 719*l.*

ROSS AND CROMARTY.

DINGWALL PRISON.

	Criminals.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	74	14	88	2
Average daily number in custody -	7	2	9	—
Re-committals - - -	10	3	13	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - - - -	—	—	20	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	6	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	1

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	222	10	5
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	20	10	9 8/9

TABLE, showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCES.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - -	8	2	2	—	12
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - -	11	5	—	1	17
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - -	11	2	4	—	17
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - -	9	—	2	—	11
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - -	1	—	—	—	1
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - -	2	3	2	—	2
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - -	4	1	1	—	6

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the Year, with their Earnings

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily Average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners during the Year.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison during the Year.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Stone breaking - -	1	—	1			
Mat making - - -	3	—	3			
Cooking - - - -	1	—	1	13 17 11	32 12 6	46 10 5
Sewing and knitting - -	—	2	2			
Washing and repairing clothes	1	—	1			
Total number employed at profitable labour - -	6	2	8	13 17 11	32 12 6	46 10 5

The prison affords accommodation for nine male and nine female criminals, and one debtor. The cells are lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but are not furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate with an officer of the prison, as directed in the Prison Regulations.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m., and go to bed at 8 p.m. They are employed about 10 hours daily, as stated in the above table.

The provisions are purchased in the market, from day to day as they are required; they are of good quality. Average weekly cost of the food, 1*s.* 9¾*d.* per head.

One prisoner received extra diet for eight days.

Prisoners sentenced for short periods are selected by the governor for employment in the service of the prison.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday, and sees the prisoners from time to time in their respective cells. The schoolmaster attends three times a week to give instruction to the prisoners. The prison is not well supplied with books of any description.

The surgeon attends once a week. He states: "The "general condition of the prisoners is good. The diet is "sufficient, and the quality good. The warming and venti- "lation are excellent." There has been no death or removal on medical grounds.

No alteration has been made in the building, or in the discipline of the prison since the last report.

The officers of the prison are, governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, and one male warder. The salaries amount to 155*l.*

ROXBURGHSHIRE.

JEDBURGH PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	113	7	140	5
Average daily number in custody -	7	2	9	—
Re-committals - - -	10	4	14	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	18	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - -	—	—	5	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - -	—	—	—	2

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	481	2	1
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	48	5	5

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - -	27	—	5	—	32
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	24	2	6	1	33
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - -	10	2	3	—	15
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	13	—	4	—	17
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - -	6	—	2	—	8
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	4	—	—	—	4
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	—	—	1	—	1

The prison contains 34 cells for males and 8 for females, criminals, and 2 for debtors; they are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but are not furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m., and go to bed at 8 p.m., except on Sunday, when they rise at 7 and go to bed at 7 p.m.; they are employed at crank labour, picking wool and oakum, and making stockings. The profit arising from the prisoners' labour amounted to 46*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*

The provisions are supplied by contract, they are of good quality; the average weekly cost of the food is 1*s.* 10*d.* per head.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday in each ward, and visits each prisoner in his cell once a week; he also gives secular instruction to the prisoners. Ministers of every religious persuasion have access to prisoners of their own denomination. The supply of books for the use of the prisoners is sufficient.

The surgeon attends twice a week; there have only been two cases of sickness during the year; the diet, clothing, and bedding are sufficient; the warming, ventilation, and drainage satisfactory.

Number of punishments for prison offences, 6.

Officers of the prison,—governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, and two male warders. The salaries, including a pension to a retired officer, amount to 299*l.* 6*s.*

HAWICK PRISON.

This prison contains four cells for criminals; it is limited to prisoners sentenced to periods of imprisonment not exceeding 10 days.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of prisoners received during the year - -	40	18	58
Greatest number in confinement at one time - - -	6	1	7

Of these 17 had been before in prison.

There has been no case of sickness. The prison is in good order.

Total expenditure during the year, 45*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*

KELSO PRISON.

This prison contains four cells for criminals. It is limited to prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for periods not exceeding 10 days.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number received during the year	31	15	46
Greatest number at any one time	4	—	4

There have been four cases of sickness during the year.
The prison is in good order.
Total expenditure during the year, 37*l.* 1*s.*

SELKIRKSHIRE.

SELKIRK PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	61	16	77	3
Average daily number in custody -	1	1	2	—
Re-committals - - - - -	7	1	8	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - - -	—	—	6	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - - - - -	—	—	3	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - - -	—	—	—	1

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	157	1	11$\frac{3}{12}$
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	76	0	8$\frac{10}{12}$

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

Length of Sentence.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - -	21	5	11	—	37
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	3	3	2	—	8
„ 14 days „ „ 1 month - - -	13	2	2	—	17
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	3	—	—	—	3

The alterations referred to in my last report have been completed, and the prison was legalized on the 10th December for the detention of all descriptions of civil and criminal prisoners. During the progress of the alterations all prisoners sentenced for periods exceeding three weeks were removed to the prison at Jedburgh, under a contract with the county of Roxburgh. The prison now contains seven cells for male and three for female criminals, and one for debtors; the old cells have been enlarged, and new cells added to complete the number; an office for the governor, a room for the warder, and two airing yards have also been added to the accommodation.

The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated, and furnished with bells.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m.; they are employed 10 hours a day, breaking sandstone, mat-making, teasing hair and oakum, sewing, and in the service of the prison; the net profit on work done by the prisoners amounted to 2*l.* 12*s.* 4½*d.* Guard beds are in use for prisoners during the first month after trial.

The provisions are supplied by contract; they are of good quality. Average weekly cost of the food, 1*s.* 9⅜*d.* per head. No extra diet has been issued.

The chaplain performs the usual service on Sunday, and visits the prisoners once a week. A schoolmaster attends to give instruction to prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for one month or more. Prisoners are informed that they may be visited by a minister of their own religious denomination if they desire it.

The surgeon attends regularly twice a week, and examines the prisoners. There have only been three cases of sickness during the year.

The prison has been put into a good state of repair, and the warming, ventilation, and drainage are satisfactory; but the yard in which the male prisoners are exercised is not secure.

Officers of the prison,—governor, chaplain, matron, and schoolmaster; the salaries amount to 115*l.* 10*s.*

STIRLINGSHIRE.

STIRLING PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	491	221	712	16
Average daily number in custody -	25	11	36	2
Re-committals - - - - -	47	37	84	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - - -	—	—	38	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	17	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - - -	—	—	—	7

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	1,075	4	6
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the profit on prisoners' earnings - - - -	27	17	4

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - -	158	—	80	—	238
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	74	10	39	4	127
„ 14 „ „ 1 month - - -	152	4	59	4	219
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	32	2	13	2	49
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	—	—	2	—	2
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	8	—	3	—	11
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - - -	5	—	3	—	8
„ 1 year „ 2 „ - - -	3	—	—	—	3
Penal servitude of every description - - -	5	—	3	—	8

TABLE showing how the Prisoners have been employed during the year, with their Earnings.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYMENT.	Daily average Number of Prisoners employed.			Net Profit on Work done by Prisoners.	Estimated Value of Work done for the Prison.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.			
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Making and mending prison clothes	1	1	2			
Shoemaking	1	—	1			
Sewing	—	3	3			
Teasing oakum	14	1	15	72 0 0	67 10 1	139 10 1
Plaiting coir	1	—	1			
Making mats	1	—	1			
Cooking, washing, cleaning, &c.	3	5	8			
Total number employed at profitable labour	21	10	31	72 0 0	67 10 1	139 10 1

The prison contains 34 cells for male and 15 for female criminals, and two for debtors. The cells are all lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but they are not furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 8 p.m., except on Sunday, when they rise an hour later. They are employed 10 hours daily, as shown in the above table. There are six hard labour cranks in the prison, but they have not been used during the year. Prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for 10 days and under are closely confined to their cells without employment. Guard beds are used by prisoners for the first month after conviction.

The provisions and fuel are supplied by contract. The clothing is purchased as required.

Average weekly cost of the food 1*s.* 10½*d.* per head. Five prisoners received extra diet by order of the surgeon for the aggregate number of 59 days.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday, and attends four hours on each week day, Saturday excepted, visiting and instructing the prisoners. There is no schoolmaster. The supply of books is sufficient.

Prisoners who do not belong to the Established Church are visited by a minister of their own denomination when they desire it.

The surgeon visits regularly twice a week, and at other times when required. He states: "The general health has "been excellent; the provisions are of good quality, and "the dietary sufficient; the warming, ventilation, and "drainage are satisfactory."

Two prisoners, both of whom were insane when admitted, and were acquitted on that ground, were removed to a lunatic asylum.

Number of punishments for prison offences, 19.

There has been no alteration in the building since the last report. In the month of March the head warder was appointed governor in the room of the late governor resigned; a gate porter and a female warder have also been appointed. The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, two gate porters, two male and one female warders. The salaries amount to 507*l.* 15*s.*, including a pension to a retired officer.

DORNOCK PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	27	3	30	1
Average daily number in custody -	2	—	2	—
Re-committals - - - - -	3	—	3	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - - - -	—	—	8	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	3	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	1

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison -	184	9	6

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCES.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - - -	4	—	—	—	4
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - - -	4	—	—	—	4
„ 14 „ „ 1 month - - -	4	2	—	—	6
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	3	—	2	—	5
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - - -	3	—	1	—	4
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	1	—	—	—	1
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	1	—	—	—	1
„ 1 year „ 2 „ - - -	1	—	—	—	1

The prison affords accommodation for eight male and four female criminals and two debtors, in separate cells, which are lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but are not furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison, as required in the Regulations for Prisons in Scotland, Rule 70.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m. and go to bed at 9 p.m. They are employed 10 hours a day, mat making, stonebreaking, picking oakum and wool, making sheep nets, sewing, and knitting. The net profit on work done by the prisoners amounted to 5*l.* 3*s.*

The provisions are purchased as they are required; average weekly cost 3*s.* 6*d.* per head.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday when there are as many as five prisoners in the prison, and visits each prisoner once a week. The supply of books for the use of the prisoners is sufficient. Ministers of all denominations have access to the prisoners under the restrictions imposed by the regulations.

The surgeon attends twice a week and oftener when required. There has been no case of sickness during the year. The provisions are of good quality and sufficient. One prisoner who was found insane when brought up for trial, was removed to an asylum.

No alteration has been made since the last report. The salaries of the officers of the prison amount to 91*l.*

WIGTOWNSHIRE.

STRANRAER PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year	45	13	58	10
Average daily number in custody	2	1	3	—
Re-committals	—	2	2	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time	—	—	6	—
Greatest number of female criminals at any one time	—	—	3	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time	—	—	—	3

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	214	14	4½

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults.	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days	1	1	3	—	5
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days	17	2	4	—	23
„ 14 „ „ 1 month	8	—	4	—	12
„ 1 month „ 2 „	5	—	2	—	7
„ 2 „ „ 3 „	—	—	1	—	1
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	—	—	—	—	1

The prison affords separate accommodation for six male and six female criminals, and two debtors; the cells are lighted, warmed, and ventilated, but they are not furnished (as required by the Regulations for Prisons in Scotland) with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m., and go to bed at 8 p.m. They are employed picking oakum, and in cleaning and other necessary work in the prison.

Guard beds are in use for the first month after conviction.

The provisions are purchased as they are required. Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s.* 11*d.* per head.

The chaplain performs divine service on Sunday when there are as many as five prisoners in confinement, and visits them in their cells. There is no schoolmaster. The prison is well supplied with books. Prisoners who do not belong to the Established Church are always offered the privilege of a visit by a minister of their own religious denomination.

The surgeon attends twice every week, and more frequently when necesssary. There have been seven cases of slight sickness during the year. The general health of the prisoners has been good. The provisions are of good quality and sufficient; the warming, ventilation, and drainage satisfactory.

There has been no alteration in the building or in the discipline of the prison since the last report. The kitchen chimney remains in the same unsatisfactory state, it smokes so much that it is almost impossible to use the stove; in other respects the prison is clean and in good order.

The officers of the prison are, governor, chaplain, surgeon, matron, and one warder; the salaries amount to 139*l.* 16*s.*

WIGTOWN PRISON.

	Criminal Prisoners.			Debtors.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Prisoners committed in the year -	59	15	74	7
Average daily number in custody -	5	2	7	—
Re-committals - - - - -	4	—	4	—
Greatest number of male criminals at any one time - - -	—	—	11	—
Greatest number of female criminals - - - - -	—	—	5	—
Greatest number of debtors at any one time - - - - -	—	—	—	2

	£	s.	d.
Total ordinary expenditure for the prison	195	4	6½
Average annual cost per prisoner, after deducting the net profit on prisoners' earnings - - - - -	22	9	7

TABLE showing the Number of Persons sentenced to different Periods of Imprisonment during the Year.

LENGTH OF SENTENCE.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Adults.	Juveniles.	Adults	Juveniles.	
Not exceeding 7 days - - - - -	1	10	—	—	11
Above 7 and not exceeding 14 days - - -	9	6	7	—	22
„ 14 „ „ 1 month - -	16	1	2	—	19
„ 1 month „ 2 „ - - -	5	—	1	—	6
„ 2 „ „ 3 „ - -	4	—	2	—	6
„ 3 „ „ 6 „ - - -	1	—	1	—	2
„ 6 „ „ 1 year - - -	2	—	—	—	2

The prison affords accommodation, in separate cells, for six males and two females, criminals, and two debtors. The cells are all warmed and ventilated, and during the winter season each prisoner is supplied with a candle in his cell. No provision is made to enable a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison, as required in the Regulations for Prisons in Scotland.

The prisoners rise at 6 a.m., and go to bed at 8 p.m. They are employed picking oakum, and cleaning, &c. The net profit on work done by the prisoners amounted to 24*l.* 10*s.* 9½*d.*

No prisoner has been sentenced to hard labour during the year.

All criminal prisoners sleep on a guard bed for the first 30 days of their sentence.

The provisions are purchased as they are required; they are of good quality.

Average weekly cost of the food, 2*s.* per head.

Three prisoners received extra diet for the aggregate number of 81 days.

The chaplain states: "I preach in the prison on Sunday,— "the service generally lasts about an hour, and I visit the "prisoners individually in their cells on a week day. There "is no schoolmaster. I have never found any desire on the "part of the prisoners to be visited by any other minister."

The surgeon attends once a week as a general rule, but every day if required. The health of the prisoners generally has been good. Two prisoners who had been in the prison, one of them three, the other two months, were pardoned on medical grounds, and one prisoner who was insane when admitted was removed to a lunatic asylum eight days after his admission.

There has been no alteration in the building or in the discipline since the last report.

Number of punishments for prison offences, males 14, females 6.

The officers of the prison are,—governor, chaplain, surgeon, and matron; the salaries amount to 93*l.* 18*s.*

FORT CHARLOTTE (ZETLAND) PRISON.

The prison contains six cells for criminals, used indiscriminately for males and females, and one room for debtors. The cells are warmed, but they are not lighted during the winter months, neither are they furnished with the means of enabling a prisoner to communicate at any time with an officer of the prison, as directed in the Prison Regulations for Scotland; the only ventilation is by the window, which cannot be opened in cold and stormy weather. The prison is situated in the fort, in which there are other public offices. There

is nothing to prevent a person outside talking to a prisoner at the cell windows.

I found the prison clean, and, so far as the defective construction of the building will admit, it was in good order.

	Criminal Prisoners.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of Prisoners committed during the year - -	18	10	28
Average daily number - -	1	1	2
Greatest number in confinement at any one time - -	3	3	6

The health of the prisoners has been good; there has been only one case of slight illness during the year. One prisoner who was committed to the prison as "a dangerous lunatic" was removed to a lunatic asylum.

The prisoners are employed picking oakum, and in the service of the prison.

	£	s.	d.
The net profit on work done by the prisoners amounted to - -	6	15	8
Total expenditure during the year -	181	7	10½
Average daily cost for diet, clothing, bedding, and fuel, per head - -	0	1	2½

APPENDIX.

Liverpool, Borough Prison,
17th December 1867.

MY DEAR SIR,

IN compliance with your desire to have full particulars of the system of discipline in the Liverpool Borough Prison, I have great pleasure in furnishing you with the following account of it.

General intention of the rules.

The rules for the government of the prison are formed with the intention of making the whole of short imprisonments and the first part of long ones very penal, but of affording to prisoners during the latter part of long imprisonments opportunities for bettering the conditions of their imprisonment by steady industry and self control.

Division of prisoners into classes.

Criminal convicted prisoners are accordingly divided into four classes distinguished by the letters A, B, C, and D. All prisoners are placed in the first instance in the lowest or A class, in which class they remain all their time, if not sentenced to over two months imprisonment. If sentenced for over two months their progress at the end of that period to the higher classes depends entirely on their industry and good conduct as recorded by good and bad marks.

Marking system.

All prisoners sentenced for a term of imprisonment exceeding two calendar months are placed under the marking system as soon as, but not before, they have been six weeks in the prison. When under the marking system they receive a good mark each day in which they perform the task allotted to them in a satisfactory way, no mark if they fall a little short of it, and a bad mark if they be positively idle. The governor has power in cases of general bad conduct to award bad marks for it, as well as for idleness. One bad mark cancels one good mark and vice versâ. The marks are awarded daily by the divisional superintendents, subject of course to the general supervision and control of the governor and matron. The divisional superintendents are officers who have charge of a certain number of wards in the prison, and are among the most highly paid and trusted of the officers. The marks are recorded daily on moveable slips of paper kept in frames of wood, one of which is placed inside the prisoner's cell and one outside over the door. The slips are changed every Saturday, the total number of marks a prisoner has earned from the beginning are added up and entered on the new slips, and the weekly totals of good and bad marks are also entered up from the old slips weekly to the prisoners respectively in a record book in the office of the prison. The number of good marks required to obtain a prisoner's entrance into a higher class depends upon the length of sentence as shown in the accompanyimg tables.

Labour.

The various kinds of labour performed in the prison are divided in the certified rules, for the purpose of being approved of by the Secretary of State, into two classes only, namely, "Hard labour of the first class," and "Hard labour of the second class," in

compliance with the terms of the Prisons Act of 1865, but for the purposes of the discipline of the prison they are divided by the byelaws into three divisions, namely :

1st. "Hard labour of the most penal kinds," consisting of work on the treadmill or crank, oakum picking, and sinnot plaiting, the two first kinds of labour for able-bodied male adults only.

2nd. "Hard labour of the ordinary kinds," consisting of picking hemp, cocoa-nut fibre, tailoring, shoemaking, weaving calicoes, winding bobbins, sewing and knitting, weaving mats and matting with handlooms, and ordinary mat making.

3rd. "Labour in association," consisting of all kinds of labour, such as twine making, work in the power-loom room, in the laundry, kitchen, &c., whether industrial or in the service of the prison, which are performed in company with other prisoners with the exception of work on the treadmill or crank, which is not considered as labour in association.

You will see by a reference to the accompanying tables that though the three divisions into which we divide the various kinds of labour do not correspond with the divisions required by the "Prisons Act," they are in no respect inconsistent with them. Of the four kinds of labour classed by us as "Hard labour of the most penal kinds," only labour on the treadmill and crank are allowed by government to be considered "Hard labour of the first class," and accordingly our tables are so framed in compliance with section No. 34. of the schedule of the "Prisons Act" of 1865, that no able-bodied male adult prisoner sentenced to over 14 days shall have less than six hours daily labour on the treadmill or crank, until he shall have been at least three months in prison.

It will be observed that the kinds of labour are classed as penal or ordinary, more with reference to their estimated monotony and dullness than to the physical exertion required for their performance. It is certain that bodily exertion unless pushed to excess is not necessarily disagreeable, indeed in moderation it lessens to many prisoners the tedium of confinement, by diminishing the feeling of restlessness and ennui. For instance, the great majority of prisoners in the Borough Prison prefer very much, weaving matting with a loom which requires a fair amount of bodily exertion to oakum picking which requires much less.

The character of labour performed by the prisoners depends on the class they are in, as will be seen by reference to the accompanying tables, subject to this exception, that the privilege of a prisoner to be transferred from one class of labour to another under the marking system is contingent on he or she being able and willing to make the less penal class of labour profitable to the prison. This condition is embodied in the extracts of the byelaws put up in the cells, and is essential, otherwise prisoners who were too clumsy to perform any work requiring skill, or who might reach a higher class only a few days before discharge might expect to be put to some kind of labour which it might be impossible to teach them at all, or which it might not be worth

while attempting to teach them during the short remainder of their sentence.

Labour in association which is reserved as the highest reward for industrious and well-conducted prisoners, is what is generally most desired, and seems to be an appropriate preparation for discharge by rendering less violent the change from imprisonment to liberty. Accordingly no prisoners sentenced to hard labour are allowed to be put to labour in association until they have been at least three months in prison, and if sentenced to over six months, until they have been at least half their time in prison, and have also reached a high class.

When it is stated in the accompanying tables that prisoners shall work a certain number of hours at any kind of industrial work, it is meant that they shall perform as much of such work as, regard being had to a prisoner's strength, previous practice, and acquired skill, it is estimated he or she can perform by reasonable exertions in the specified number of hours, but there are maximum tasks, particulars of which I annex, defined by the Visiting Justices, beyond which no prisoner, however skilled, is allowed to be tasked.

The equitable tasking of prisoners, even in the simplest kinds of labour, in proportion to their previous practice and estimated skill is of the highest importance; even in oakum picking, skill makes a wonderful difference in the ease of the work. In the Borough Prison men and women occasionally pick voluntarily more than the maximum tasks ever allotted, merely to pass the time, whereas clumsy and unskilled prisoners, though they may do their best, are often unable to pick more than half the quantity.

It is true that it is impossible to estimate skill exactly, but it is better to do so approximately than not at all. Nothing can be more unjust than to give the same tasks to offenders recently received in prison for the first time, and new to the work, which are given to old hands, who are well up to it. Our constant aim is to guard against young hands being over, and old hands under-tasked.

Privileges.

All prisoners who can read are furnished with a Bible or New Testament, and one other devotional book, but the privileges of having secular books, of writing or receiving letters, and of receiving visits from friends depend on the class a prisoner is in as shown in the accompanying tables.

The attendance of male adult prisoners sentenced to hard labour at the daily prayers in the prison also is not made a matter of course routine, but a privilege to be earned by industry and good conduct, and dependent on the class a prisoner is in. The results of the introduction of this change have been decidedly satisfactory in securing more order and attention in chapel. Female prisoners however attend daily prayers irrespective of the class they are in, provided they are sentenced to any term of imprisonment exceeding fourteen days; and all juveniles and male adults sentenced to simple imprisonments attend prayers daily from the first day of their confinement. The Governor has

power, should he see any special reason for according any of these privileges to a prisoner whose class does not entitle him or her to them, to do so, but he must report any cases in which he exercises such discretionary power to the Visiting Justices on their next visit.

Prisoners who are industrious have a little extra diet. The rule under which this is provided for is, that every prisoner who shall earn a good mark mark daily from Monday to Saturday, or who, not having been a full week under the marking system, has been placed under it any day in the week not later than Wednesday, and shall earn a good mark daily up to the Saturday following, shall, during the succeeding week, have the following extra diet, namely, 1 oz. of cheese on Sunday, ½ pint soup on Tuesday, and 4 oz. bread daily. The extra bread might be dispensed with on Sunday and Tuesday with advantage. Diet.

Convicted criminal prisoners, sentenced to hard labour, sleep on plank beds without a mattress, but with sufficient bedclothes during the whole of their sentence if it does not exceed one month, and if it exceeds one month, during the first month of such sentence. Beds.

The Liverpool magistrates have considered the question of whether it is desirable to allow prisoners to participate as a rule in their prison earnings, and have decided not to do so. In the first place, no prisoner really earns enough to repay the State the expenses he has put it to, directly or indirectly, by his crime, and he has therefore no claim in justice to any of his earnings in prison. In the second place, if a prisoner is allowed to establish a claim to earnings on his discharge, the magistrates cannot exercise any absolute control over the manner in which they are expended, and they would often be wasted in debauchery and extravagance. But, though the earnings of prisoners are all credited to the borough fund, aid is occasionally given to prisoners on their discharge. The Governor, assisted by the chaplain and prison minister, is directed to bring before the Visiting Justices, weekly, the particulars of all cases which are of such a nature as to call, in their opinion, for assistance on their discharge, and if the Visiting Justices approve of the proposal, they make an order for aid to be given under the 42d or 43d sections of the Prisons Act of 1865; when the Act does not allow of a sufficient sum being granted to carry out the proposal, the grant is supplemented from a private fund. The Governor and Visiting Justices are assisted by a very intelligent and painstaking member of the police force, and the aid is rarely given to the prisoners in actual money, but generally handed to the officer to be used only for the special purpose for which it is granted. Some prisoners have their fares paid to other parts of the country where they have friends or relatives, some are assisted to emigrate, and others to ship as seamen, and by the aid of the officer work is occasionally obtained for discharged prisoners who would not be able to get it for themselves. Aid to discharged Prisoners.

A record of the aid given is kept, and if any prisoner who has been aided on his discharge again comes under the notice of the

police, the officer reports particulars of his case to the magistrates to be entered in the record book. We shall thus, in time, be able to form some idea of how far this system of aiding prisoners is really productive of good. So far it has been very cautiously carried out.

Results of the Discipline.

The system which I have described was commenced on the 1st October 1866, and has been carried out in all its parts, with the exception of the work on the treadmill, which has not been commenced, the treadmills not being yet completed. Oakum picking has in the meantime been very much used as a temporary substitute for the treadmill labour.

Among the ascertained results of the new discipline are a considerable increase in the industrial profits of the prison, and a nearer approach to the enforcement of real hard labour than had ever been arrived at before, and this has been accompanied by a decrease in the number of punishments for prison offences inflicted on prisoners who are in for sufficiently long periods to come within the influence of the marking system. Of the reformatory influence on prisoners of the new discipline it would be premature to speak, nor is it indeed ever likely that statistics can be obtained which will render it possible fairly to test its reformatory results. We can only hope that by encouraging prisoners while in prison for long periods to acquire habits of persevering industry and self-control, some few at least may be assisted in turning over a new leaf after their discharge.

As there are often over 1,000 prisoners in the prison, great simplicity is essential in all our rules. In a smaller prison it is possible the marking system might be more elaborated with advantage.

I remain,
My dear sir,
Yours faithfully,
JAS. R. VEITCH,
Captain R.N. and Governor.

MAXIMUM TASKS per Day which can be exacted from Prisoners.

Male Employment.

1 brush mat, 2 ft. 6 ins. by 1 ft. 6 ins., 4 to 5 lbs. weight.
1 chain mat, 3 ft. by 1 ft. 10 ins.; 5 lbs. weight.
Plaiting 30 yds. of sinnott.
Weaving coir matting.—8 yds., 1 yd. wide; 6 yds., 1¼ yds. wide; 12 yds., ½ yd. wide.
Weaving calico and linsey.—10 yds. calico and 8 yds. linsey, each 33 ins. wide.
Oakum picking.—4½ lbs. per day.
Making twine.—15 lbs. per day, the yarn being purchased in a partially manufactured condition.

Tailoring.—Gaol garments, 3 pairs of trousers in 2 days.
„ 3 vests in 2 days.
„ 1 jacket per day.
Out-door employment, 1 pair trousers in 1½ days.
„ 1 coat in 3 days.
„ 1 vest in 1½ days.
Shoemaking.—Gaol use, 1 pair of shoes per day.
„ 4 pairs repaired per day.
Out-door employment, 4 pairs boots bottomed (sewn) per week.
1 pair boots bottomed (pegged) per day.

Female Employment.

Making 1 shirt per day.
Knitting.—1 stocking, or footing 1 pair of stockings per day.
Oakum picking.—3 lbs. per day.

Note.—The prisoners, after some instruction, generally perform the full tasks stated in the preceding particulars; with the exception of tasks in oakum picking in which many prisoners fall short. In oakum picking the prisoners under the marking system average much larger tasks than the others. During the last four weeks 362 male prisoners engaged in oakum picking averaged 2 lbs. 9 oz. daily, and 164 female prisoners engaged in oakum picking averaged 1 lb. 11 oz. daily. Of the male prisoners engaged in oakum picking 112 were under the marking system, of whom 80 were in for medium periods of imprisonment, and averaged 3 lbs. 10 oz. daily; while 32, who were in for long periods, averaged 4 lbs., one man doing as much as 5 lbs. 11 oz. a day. As the prisoners are not allowed to wet or beat the junk the oakum picking in this prison is of the severest kind.

TABLES referred to in the preceding Letter.

Class A. to include all prisoners who are not under the mark system, and all others who have not earned good marks enough to entitle them to pass into the next class. Prisoners to enter the Classes B, C, and D as soon as they have the number of good marks at their credit in proportion to the length of their sentences stated in the scale of marks given in the heading of each class, and to remain in each class until they have good marks enough to entitle them to enter the next, or until they forfeit so many good marks that they are no longer entitled to remain in the class they are in. As no prisoners can begin to earn marks until they have been six weeks in prison, and can only earn one good mark daily, the minimum time in which a prisoner industriously inclined can work his way out of the A class is two months. out of B class three months, and out of the C class three and a half months from their entry into prison; and prisoners in for longer periods than six months require more marks to get into the higher classes, as shown in the heading of the different columns.

—	CLASS A.	CLASS B. Terms exceeding, Mks. 2 mths. & not exceeding 6 mths., 12 6 " " 12 " 24 12 " - - - - 36	CLASS C. Terms exceeding, Mks. 3 mths. & not exceeding 6 mths., 36 6 " " 12 " 48 12 " - - - 60	CLASS D. Terms exceeding, Mks. 14 wks. & not exceeding 6 mths., 48 6 months " 12 " 60 12 " - - - 72
Adult male prisoners sentenced to hard labour.	To perform 8 hours on the treadmill or crank, and 2 hours oakum picking or sinnott *plaiting*; or, if the prisoner be sentenced for less than 14 days, 10 hours oakum picking or sinnott plaiting, without work on the treadmill or crank, may be substituted at the discretion of the Governor. *To attend prayers only at Divine Service on Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day.* *Not to have secular books.* Not to send or receive letters. Not to be allowed visits from friends.	To perform 6 hours labours on the treadmill or crank, and 3 hours oakum picking or sinnott plaiting, or, if the first 3 months of the sentence have expired, 9 hours hard labour of the ordinary kinds, at the discretion of the Governor. To attend prayers daily. *Not to have secular books.* Not to send or receive letters. Not to be allowed visits from *friends.*	To perform 9 hours "hard labour of the ordinary kinds," or, if half the sentence has expired, "labour in association" may be substituted at the discretion of the governor. To attend prayers daily. To have secular books. To send and receive letters once in 3 months. *Not to be allowed visits from* friends.	To perform labour as in Class C. To attend prayers daily. To have secular books. To send and receive 1 letter monthly. To be allowed a visit from friends every 6 weeks.

Tables referred to in the preceding Letter—*continued.*

—	Class A.	Class B. Terms exceeding, Mks. 2 mths. & not exceeding 6 mths., 12 6 „ „ 12 „ 24 12 „ - - - 36	Class C. Terms exceeding, Mks. 3 mths. & not exceeding 6 mths., 36 6 „ „ 12 „ 48 12 „ - - - 60	Class D. Terms exceeding, Mks. 14 wks. & not exceeding 6 mths., 48 6 months „ 12 „ 60 12 „ - - - 72
Juvenile male and all female prisoners sentenced to hard labour.	To perform 9 hours oakum picking or sinnott plaiting. To attend prayers daily. Not to have secular books. Not to send or receive letters. Not to be allowed visits from friends.	To perform 9 hours "hard labour of the ordinary kind." To attend prayers daily. Not to have secular books. Not to send or receive letters. Not to be allowed visits from friends.	To perform 9 hours "hard labour of the ordinary kinds," or, if half the sentence has expired, "labour in association" may be substituted at the discretion of the Governor or matron. To attend prayers daily. To have secular books. To send and receive letters once in 3 months. Not to be allowed visits from friends.	To perform labour as in Class C. To attend prayers daily. To have secular books. To send and receive 1 letter monthly. To receive a visit from friends every 6 weeks.
Adult and juvenile criminal convicted prisoners of both sexes not sentenced to hard labour.	To perform the least irksome kind of work which can be conveniently supplied and made profitable to the prison. To attend prayers daily. Not to have secular books. Not to send or receive letters. Not to be allowed visits from friends.	To perform labour as in Class A. To attend prayers daily. To have secular books. Not to send or receive letters. Not to be allowed visits from friends.	To perform labour as in Classes A and B. To attend prayers daily. To have secular books. To send and receive letters once in 3 months. Not to be allowed visits from friends.	To perform labour as in Classes A, B, and C. To attend prayers daily. To have secular books. To send and receive 1 letter monthly. To receive a visit from friends every 6 weeks.

The Governor may, at his discretion, substitute one hour and a half of labour on the treadmill or cranks, by way of exercise, in place of any other kind of labour, every other day, in the case of able-bodied adult male prisoners sentenced to hard labour who are in the higher classes.

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